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Rift on war averted OPEC studies prices

By John Rossant
Arab News Correspondent

BAH, Dec. 15 — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries got down to the thorny issue of raising crude oil prices Monday evening after heated discussions in the morning and afternoon over the Iraqi-Iranian war.

Few delegates were optimistic, however, that any general crude oil pricing agreement could be worked out before the end of the conference Tuesday or Wednesday.

The gulf conflict dominated the first sessions Monday at a heavily guarded compound in Kuta, near the southern tip of this lush island.

Indonesian President Suharto officially opened the conference with a strong appeal to Iran and Iraq to end their three-month-old war. "Let us settle this dispute between us like we would settle it among brothers within the family," Suharto told OPEC's thirteen delegations.

The disputes Monday centered around the question of Iran's imprisoned Oil Minister Muhammad Javad Tonguyan, who was captured by Iraqi forces last month while touring besieged oil installations in Khuzestan.

"The Iranians insisted that they have a separate item on the agenda dealing with their minister," explained Mane Said Oteiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, but Oteiba added that the Iraqis "refused any attempt to deal with such an item."

Toward the end of the day Iran failed to have the item included on the agenda, when it was outvoted on the question by other OPEC members. But the Iranians are expected here to bring up the issue again during the conference. "If someone wants to make a statement they are free to do so," said Venezuela's Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti. "But we do not deal with political problems in OPEC," he added.

To onlookers' evident astonishment, the Iranian delegation dramatically unveiled a

larger than life size portrait of Tonguyan at the opening session, placing it on the chair the imprisoned minister would have occupied.

Because of the presence of the delegations from the two warring gulf states, security has been more than usually tight. For the first time in OPEC history, delegates themselves were subjected to body searches before entering the conference room. The Iranians and Iraqis, who under normal conditions sit next to each other at OPEC meetings, were strategically separated here by the large Indonesian delegation.

Belqasim Nabi, the Algerian energy minister and outgoing president of OPEC, called for an immediate increase in oil prices when he addressed the conference Monday morning. An increase is necessary, he said, in order to compensate producers for erosion of their purchasing power caused by world inflation, and to help redirect funds to developing countries.

According to sources here, Algeria, Libya and Nigeria are lobbying for a substantial increase, perhaps to as much as \$40 a barrel, in the price of Arabian light crude, which OPEC countries use as a reference marker to price their own oils.

That marker was set at \$32 last June, although Saudi Arabia, standing alone, continues to price it at \$30.

Indonesia and Iraq are understood to be pushing for a more moderate increase of around ten per cent. "We expect our prices at least to keep up with inflation," Dr. Subroto, the Indonesian energy minister, told reporters Monday afternoon.

Saudi Arabia's pricing position here, though, differs significantly from that of most OPEC members. Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, who has yet to make a public pronouncement in Bali, said last week that the Kingdom would increase its prices to \$32 a barrel if others agreed on a price freeze.

The United Arab Emirates is also lobbying for a freeze.

Ceasefire appeals ignored

Heavy fighting rages on

BEIRUT, Dec. 15 (AP) — Iran and Iraq, ignoring all ceasefire appeals, pressed their Gulf war Monday into an 85th day with paratroopers battling for Iran's snow-blanketed western highlands and gunners dueling in rain-drenched Khuzestan. War communications reported helicopter gunships took part in rocket-firing raids in running exchanges of long-range shellfire around Abadan, Ahwaz, Dezful and Susangerd, the four main cities of Iran's southwestern Khuzestan oil province.

Iran's official news agency, Pars, said the fighting was particularly heavy at noon Sunday near Abadan, the war-ravaged oil refining city on the Shatt Al-Arab waterway. But Pars added that other battles have been raging in the last 48 hours at Shur-Shirin, the Kani Sahkt heights and Kojan fronts in the central sector of the border.

Both sides also reported trench-to-trench paratroop combat in the foothills of the Zagros mountains, with Iraq claiming it shook off a massive enemy counterattack that left 71 Iranians dead on the strategic bluffs. They command the main highlands from Iran's war-conquered western border to the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, some 161 kilometers farther west.

Iran claimed 122 Iraqis were killed at the two major war theaters on both ends of the battlefield, conceding seven Iranians dead. Iraq claimed a total of 96 Iraqis and 14 Iraqis killed in 24 hours of combat.

A Kuwaiti newspaper said a new issue was developing in the Iran-Iraq war that could bring about another inter-Arab confrontation in OPEC and at the United Nations. The newspaper *Al-Rai Al-Aam* quoted informed Kuwaiti sources as saying contacts were under way among all oil producing Arab states of the Gulf to support a new bid by the United Arab Emirates to recover three small Gulf islands from Iran.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Foreign Minister Sa-

doun Hammadi Monday ruled out an early end to the war. He was speaking to reporters at Kathmandu airport after talks there with King Birendra and other Nepalese leaders. He said: "It will end when the Iraqi side decides to be reasonable, to accept a ceasefire and negotiate on all outstanding issues. This will take some time."

According to another report Kuwait has denied that it had allowed shipments of weapons to Iraq through its territory. The chief government spokesman, Abdul Aziz Hussein, told reporters Sunday that the allegation by the official Iranian news agency Pars was baseless. Saudi Arabia has already denied unidentified press reports that Soviet arms destined for Iraq were being routed through the Kingdom.

The Gulf News Agency reported from Baghdad that a personal envoy of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu arrived in Baghdad to meet President Saddam Hussein. The envoy mission was not mentioned, but Romania had earlier expressed willingness to mediate in the Gulf war.

Iraqi Vice President Tariq Aziz told the Iraqi parliament Saturday that Swedish mediator Olof Palme was planning a second trip to the warring capitals later this month to revive attempts to arrange a ceasefire.

Reagan assures Egypt of American peace drive

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (R) — U.S. special envoy Sol Linowitz Monday gave Egypt a public assurance that President-elect Ronald Reagan would support the American-sponsored Middle East peace drive. He gave the assurance after a 70-minute meeting with President Anwar Sadat during which he delivered a message from Reagan.

Standing alongside Sadat, the envoy told reporters: "I was able to assure him (Sadat) on behalf of President-elect Ronald Reagan that when he is in office, President-elect Reagan will support the Camp David process and that there will be no change in the process without the consent of Egypt and Israel." Linowitz also said he had given the Egyptian leader a message from President Carter but disclosed no details.

Reagan's election victory aroused fears in

Kenyan, Sudanese leaders meet

KHARTOUM, Dec. 15 (R) — Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi arrived Monday on a four-day state visit to Sudan during which he will hold talks on economic cooperation with President Jaafar Numeiri. A 21-gun salute greeted the Kenyan leader on arrival at Khartoum Airport as President Numeiri walked to the plane to welcome him. Moi told a welcoming party: "I do not need to emphasize the togetherness of our two countries and I am sure we will be able to work for the common African goals." The Kenyan president's visit is viewed here as part of a series of consultations to bind together the Horn of Africa states of Sudan,



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

Arafat says situation in Middle East serious

BEIRUT, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Palestinian commando chief Yasser Arafat has described the situation in the Middle East as very serious and said there were attempts to divide the region. He also told a rally that there could be no peace in the Middle East unless the Palestinians enjoyed full independence "including the right to return to every inch of Palestine."

Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), was one of several speakers who addressed the gathering held to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

The Palestinian leader said "we are experiencing an attempt to Balkanize not only the Arab region, but the whole Middle East." He added that instead of the United States responding to a five-point plan proposed by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev on Wednesday on neutralizing the Gulf, it instead concentrated on the Polish situation.

"We should understand what is happening in the world now — we are passing through a very serious phase," he declared.

Arafat said: "When Brezhnev raised the five points on the Gulf they (the Americans) did not like it and instead they raised the Polish question, because there is a plan to Balkanize the region."

He added that the presence of the American fleet in the strategic area "should be understood within this context.... This is why we are on the threshold of a serious international escalation, and our stand is to resist," he said.

The commando leader added that he wanted to tell both the present and next American administrations that "it is difficult to ignore the Palestinians. There will be no stability or peace in the Middle East if the Palestinians are ignored and unless the Palestinian people enjoy their firm, national and uncompromising rights, including the right to return to every inch of Palestine," he declared.

He also attacked the American-Egyptian-Israeli tripartite alliance, and said "the Palestinians will settle only in one place — Palestine — and they want back Acre before Gaza and Beersheba before Hebron."

Arafat rejected all "options" other than the "Palestinian option." He said there was talk about Jordanian, European, Israeli

Labor Party and other options. "There is only one option in this Arab region. It is Palestinian option, that of the Palestinian gun, which will establish itself," he added.

Arafat meanwhile, has accepted an invitation from former Japanese Foreign Minister Toshio Kimura visit Tokyo, Palestinian sources said here Monday. Kimura is currently in Beirut with a Japanese parliamentary delegation, which discussed the situation in the Arab world with Arafat Sunday night, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

Earlier in the day the delegation visited parts of South Lebanon, Wafa said. The Japanese arrived in Beirut last Wednesday but spent the second half of last week in Damascus for talks with Khaled Fahoum, chairman of the Palestine National Assembly (Parliament), and Syrian officials.

The PLO office in Tokyo also confirmed Arafat visit "possibly in April or May." A spokesman said Arafat accepted an invitation to visit Japan when he met Sunday with Kimura. The spokesman said Arafat will spend one week in Tokyo in an effort to gain diplomatic status for the PLO office in Tokyo and to seek Japan's understanding of the Palestinian problem.

OIC aide to attend Jerusalem meeting

By Ahmad Shaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — Arshad-uz-Zaman, assistant secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference leaves here Wednesday for Rabat to attend a two-day meeting of the Jerusalem committee.

The meeting, to be chaired by King Hassan of Morocco on Dec. 18, will finalize a report on the question of the occupied Holy City. The report will be submitted to the 42-nation Islamic summit conference due to open in Mecca Jan. 24.

The committee was set up last year by 15 Islamic countries to help preserve the Islamic character of Jerusalem and safeguard religious rights following Israeli desecration of the holy city.

Israel occupied the city in 1967 and ever since has been changing the city's Islamic character, and in 1969 a Jew set fire to the Aqsa mosque, Islam's third holiest place, after Mecca and Medina.

Yamani warns:

Price of oil may be doubled

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (R) — Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, Ahmad Zaki Yamani, has warned that the price of oil could almost double unless the United States begins drawing on its reserves of stockpiled oil. *Time* magazine, which interviewed the minister in Riyadh shortly before he left for Monday's OPEC ministerial meeting in Indonesia, asked whether the world could expect a third price shock following the major increases of 1974 and 1979.

He replied: "It depends on how you (in the U.S.) behave. Your storage tanks have been overflowing. If your oil companies act responsibly and start drawing down these stocks to head off unnecessary panic, I think you'll get through this winter without price increases like those in 1979. If you keep stocks at present levels, the price will go up to at least \$60 a barrel." The current OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) average price is \$32.50 a barrel.

Sheikh Yamani told *Time* that damage to Gulf oil installations as a result of the war between Iran and Iraq was "not that bad." The minister added: "Unless the Iraqis and Iranians can pump and export some oil the war will end very soon. They need the revenues."

He said it appeared that Iraq could pump at least 1.6 million barrels a day early next year and the Iranians probably much less.

Asked whether the United States could protect Saudi Arabia in a crisis in the Middle East, Sheikh Yamani said America would not be protecting Saudi Arabia by sending in military help. "You are protecting your own interests," he said.

"If anything happens to the oil fields of Saudi Arabia, your economy will be in ruins. Our defense should be strengthened and we expect the U.S. to give us the help we need," he said. Sheikh Yamani said there was a good prospect that OPEC would index the price of oil to protect it from Western inflation. "Indexation is the cornerstone of our long-term strategy," he said.

He said it appeared that Iraq could pump for a week-long official visit. He will fly to Perth from after OPEC's meeting in Bali on Tuesday and will leave Australia next Monday night.

Australian acting Prime Minister Doug Anthony said in a statement that during the visit Sheikh Yamani would discuss with Australian ministers oil and energy issues and further development of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries. Official sources said discussions would include possibilities of Australian participation in Saudi development projects.

Sheikh Yamani will meet Anthony who is also trade and resources minister. Foreign Minister Tony Street, Treasurer John Howard, National Development Minister John Carrick and business leaders. Anthony is standing in for Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, who is sick.

Syria-Jordan tension removed, Prince asserts

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah said Sunday he was grateful to God that tension between Syria and Jordan has been removed as a result of King Khalid's initiative.

The prince was commenting on a report from Damascus the same day which said that Syria had withdrawn the last of its troops from the border with Jordan at dawn. Prince Abdullah had shuttled between the two countries recently on a mediation mission on behalf of King Khalid.

However, the prince regretted calumnies by "certain papers" to the effect that Saudi Arabia had paid Syria the price of such a troop withdrawal. He said neither Saudi Arabia, nor Syria could ever think of or accept such a thing. When Syria welcomed King Khalid's initiative it was out of chivalry and awareness of the current Arab juncture. He urged Arab media not to forget their national duty or disregard the principles of the Arab nation or their own conscience.

"This false report that Saudi Arabia paid money to Syria for agreeing to withdraw its forces, is aimed at minimizing the mediation initiative of Saudi Arabia," Prince Abdullah said.

Syria agreed to withdraw its forces "galantly, in view of the existing situation in the Arab world," Prince Abdullah added.

Fahd, Klibi hold talks

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Sunday conferred with visiting Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi who arrived earlier in the day. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal attended the meeting.

Soon after the meeting, Klibi left for Jeddah. In an arrival statement he told newsmen that his visit to Saudi Arabia was part of an Arab tour for consultations on the present Arab situation in the light of recent developments so as to foster Arab solidarity. He praised Saudi Arabia for its efforts to consolidate Arab solidarity and strengthen the Arabs' steadfastness to face the various challenges. He said that Arab leaders he consulted with in recent days felt the same thing about Saudi Arabia.

Tanaka leaves

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Japan's Minister for International Trade and Industry, Rokusuke Kaidoh, left here Sunday evening after a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia during which he was received by King Khalid and handed him a message from Prime Minister Suzuki. He also conferred with Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman, Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer and other officials on bilateral cooperation.

Tanaka was seen off at the airport by Dr. Solaiman and other officials from the Commerce Ministry as well as the Japanese ambassador to Saudi Arabia and embassy staff.

Assad in Libya

TRIPOLI, Dec. 15 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad arrived here Monday at the head of a high-ranking delegation for talks with Libya on the proposed union between the two countries. Official sources had earlier said that the president would be going to Benghazi after having postponed the trip for 24 hours for more consultations with his aides.

Assad and Col. Qaddafi are expected to work out the final form that union between the two countries will take.

The Syrian delegation includes Premier Abdul Raouf Al Kasm, Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and representatives from the National Progressive Front, a coalition of Syrian political parties.

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SR45m deal for Al-Alya Water pact signed

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh signed a SR45 million contract with a national firm for the construction of phase III of Al-Alya's new district water connection project.

The contract calls for the installation of a 223.5 kilometer pipe network. When the project is completed in two years, 6,100 houses will be connected directly to the network.

Meanwhile, Jubail municipality allocated SR123 million for a number of projects, including a public park street, filling, asphalt, and illumination of the King Faisal street.

Other projects include building a fish market and awarding a contract for the cleaning of the city and the parks, fountains, and a shopping arcade.

In another development the projected university of Mecca, which will be called the Umm Al Qurah University, took a step forward when the minister for Higher Education Sheikh Hassan Al Sheikh wrote to the Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil requesting him to form a committee to study the final plan.

The university plan, announced by King Khaled during his visit to the holy city earlier this year, will have several faculties including applied sciences and engineering, humanities, Arabic, architecture and the environment in addition to those already attached to King Abdul Aziz university, which cover education, sharia-Islamic jurisprudence, Islamic studies and Arabic language studies.

COMMENT

By Samir Shamma
Al Medina

Hamra is considered to be one of the most important areas in Jeddah. But a resident of the Royal Guard street behind the King's palace intending to go to Hamra must drive north till after Prince Abdullah street and then return west to the parallel street. Or else he has to drive south till Palestine Square, then turn west and then north to reach any place in Hamra. One would not have to drive more than a few meters if some of the outlets on Medina road were kept open.

Strangely enough, there are countless bylanes all along the Royal Guard street with outlets and turns. It would seem a matter of prudence and public interest if some of these bylanes are closed while others are kept open for two-way traffic. Moreover, there is invariably heavy

congestion near the meeting of the Royal Guard street with Palestine street and also under the flyover. The main reason for this is ascribed to the fact that this flyover is seldom used, as there are two parallel streets both right and left of the flyover. Only a few hundred cars pass over this flyover daily. While it is sometimes found abandoned, the two parallel streets remain congested with tens of thousands of cars moving on them everyday.

We would only ask the Municipality to open some of the outlets on Medina road, so that people wanting to go to Hamra from the National Guard street can do so easily. The direction of some bylanes could be closed and the ends of the two parallel roads to the flyover could as well be closed. In this way only, can we ease traffic pressure near Palestine flyover and Prince Abdullah street. Such an arrangement would also help avert accidents and save public lives.



HEAT STROKE: This machine will be used to bring relief to pilgrims suffering from exposure to the sun.

In £1m contract

Heat stroke machine ordered

LONDON, Dec. 15 (BIS) — A new body-cooling machine from Britain will help save the lives of Muslim heatstroke victims on their annual pilgrimage to Mecca, the British Information Services reported Monday.

In 1981, the pilgrimage will occur during the hot season when temperatures soar beyond the 40-degree centigrade mark. In preparing for at least 1,000 cases of heat exhaustion, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of

Health has ordered 74 body-cooling machines for the major hospitals and health posts along the route to the holy city. The contract is worth £1 million.

The machine was developed by London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and it consists of a mesh-bed slung across a water bath. An atomised spray of warm water keeps a heat-stroke victim's skin temperature at 32-degrees centigrade and at the same time relieves dehydration. The technique works five times faster than the traditional method of immersing the patient in an ice-cold bath and is more pleasant, according to British Information Services.

Newspapermen visit military industries

AL-KHARJ, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Editors of Saudi newspapers and magazines Sunday visited the military plants at Al-Kharj and were briefed on their progress.

They toured the plants' industrial training center, production and support units, project sites due to be handed shortly, transport station and the military hospital.

The delegation was met on arrival by Gen. Ibrahim Al-Muhammad Al-Faresi director general of the plants and Lt. Col. Muhammad Al-Fahd Al-Faisal the assistant director. The administration gave a luncheon in honor of the delegation to which it also invited Al-Kharj Governor Sheikh Hammoud ibn Shabib.

Furnishing contracts awarded

RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Riyadh Water and Sewage Department's Board agreed to award contracts for furnishing two residential townships in Buwaib and Salbough. The contracts for the villages to accommodate engineers, technicians and employees of the Buwaib and Salbough water projects were awarded to national firms.

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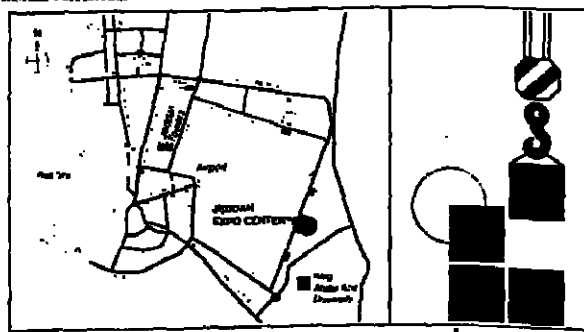
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13 companies British trade mission planned

LONDON, Dec. 15 (LPS) — Six British companies will be visiting Saudi Arabia for the first time in January when they join a two-week trade mission organized by the North of England Development Council.

Representatives of 13 British companies will arrive in Jeddah on Friday, 9 January, offering a wide range of goods and services. The mission is planning to spend four days each in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran, returning to the United Kingdom on 23 January. This is the fourth mission to Saudi Arabia arranged by the North of England Development Council since 1975. "We regard Saudi Arabia as an important market for the United Kingdom," says Mr. Douglas Brown, the NEDC's Export Promotion Manager.

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those on the mission achieved good on-the-spot results and have had continuing orders since. This time we are again taking a broad range of products and we hope the mission will be fruitful both for ourselves and Saudi Arabia."

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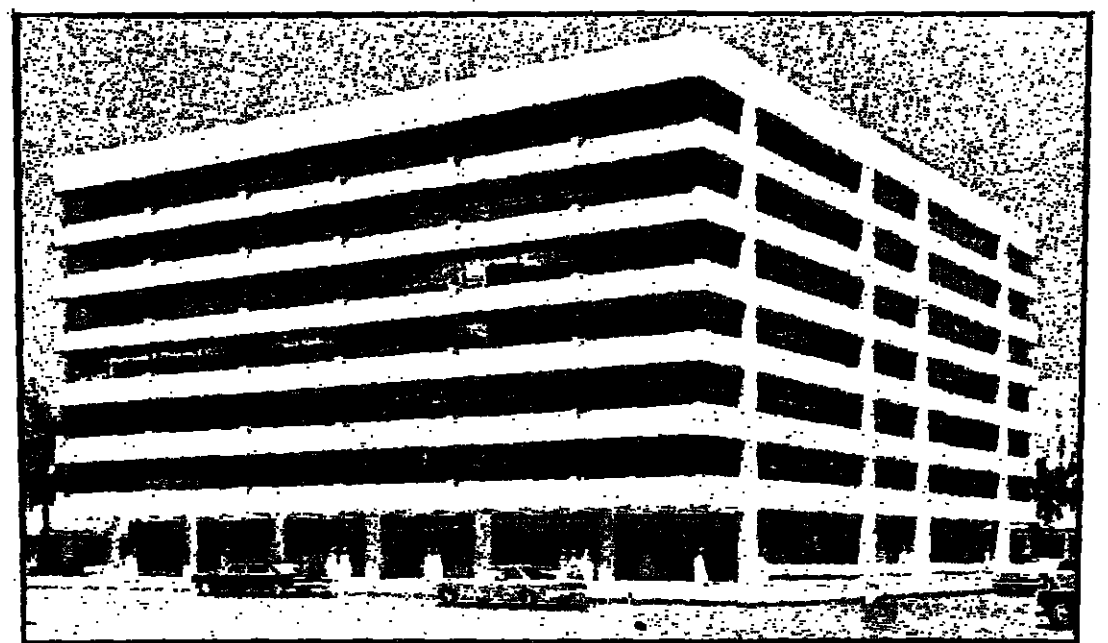
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2,500 detained

Illegal aliens evicted

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Security forces have arrested 9,500 illegal aliens in Mecca, Jeddah and Taif as of Saturday, Dec. 13, according to the commander of the Illegal Aliens Combat Force.

Brig. Jabbar Abdul Hafeez told *Al-Bilad* that since the Interior Ministry issued directives on November 30 for illegal aliens to leave the country, 3,800 were arrested in Mecca. By Saturday morning about 2,000 aliens had been detained, and 1,500 of those were deported. The remaining 8,000 illegal aliens are in Jeddah Prison, he added.

The eviction campaign has not been restricted to the main cities in the Western Province, but includes nearby villages. Officials are permitting detained aliens to collect their possessions before leaving. However, a guard is sent with the captive, and the deportee must pay transportation charges. Also, citizens convicted of accommodating residents without permits are penalized according to Interior Ministry regulations, Brig. Abdul Hafeez said.

He added that a force of officers and soldiers is participating in the campaign to implement ministry instructions. The force is equipped with sufficient cars, trucks and communication equipment, he said. Security personnel have been checking permits and ensuring that those with identification carry it on their persons. Those people not carrying identification risk punishment.

Dependants who entered the country on

visitor's visas after August 20 are required to depart from the Kingdom by December 22 at the latest. Regulations for issuing residence permits for expatriate family members were issued by the Interior Ministry on Nov. 30. The regulations outlined various categories of workers permitted to have dependants.

Overstayers will be held at departure points and prevented from leaving the country until their guardians or sponsors are located and penalized. Penalties include up to six weeks imprisonment and SR10,000 fine for the sponsor. In addition, the ministry asked pilgrims and umra performers to leave the country as soon as they complete their mission.

With the intention of controlling the influx of foreign visitors, the Interior Ministry restricted permission for dependants entrance into the Kingdom to certain professions. The professions include university professors, teachers, doctors, pharmacists, and veterinarians.

Prayer Times

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Fajr	5.26	5.33	5.05
Ishraq	6.51	6.58	6.30
Dhuhr	12.16	12.17	11.49
Asr	3.21	3.17	2.48
Maghrib	5.43	5.37	5.08
Isha	7.13	7.07	6.38



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Extension Contract awarded
RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved awarding of an SR3.01 million contract for water extension in several parts of Bukairia. The contract, awarded to a Saudi Arabian company, calls for completion of work within 10 months, it was reported Monday.

Youth ceremony planned
MUJAMA, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The Mujama Youth Welfare Bureau will hold its annual ceremony for theatrical plays Wednesday. The ceremony will be held at the Faiba Club theater, here. Various literature clubs will participate in the ceremony. The plays were chosen by the welfare bureau. At the end of the event prizes will be granted to the best performers by Sheikh Abdullah Al-Muamir, the emir of Sudair area.

SASO to meet
RIYADH, Dec. 15 (SPA) — The Board of the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization will hold a meeting here Tuesday under Commerce Minister Dr. Sotiman A. Solaim, the chairman. The board will discuss about 10 new proposals for standard specifications. The specifications include drinking water, mineral water, soft drinks and coloring materials used in foodstuffs. The meeting will also adopt Arab and international standard specifications for goods that are not affected by environment factors.

Hospitals to be built
DAMMAM, Dec. 15 (SPA) — Final designs and studies for two 100-bed hospitals in Hafir el Batin and Jubail are nearly complete, officials announced here Monday. The officials also added that a 400 square meter land plot have been specified in Qatif for a

Owned by resort company Riyadh Marriott opened

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, Dec. 15 — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman opened here Monday a new Marriott hotel for a semi-state corporation set up to develop resort areas in the Kingdom.

The hotel is the third to be built by the Saudi Hotels and Resort Areas Company, which also owns several other five-star hotels in the country. According to Sheikh Hassan Al Misbarie, chairman of the board, the SR200 million hotel has 400 rooms, restaurants, swimming pool and shopping arcade. A fourth hotel is planned for Mecca within two years.

Earlier this year the company the General Railroad Corporation agreed to build a joint complex of hotels and commercial buildings in Dammam. Abdullah Al Saadoun, director general of hotel operations, has said that the two sides signed a joint venture agreement for SR300 million and that a design contract

for the project was awarded to an international consulting company. The venture comprises a commercial market, parking lots, office building and a hotel.

Saadoun said the company is making studies for a recreational center for the Dhahran Marriott hotel, built by the firm last year for SR142 million. The company has hotels in Riyadh's Khurais area and Dhahran, both managed by Marriott Corporation, of America. Feasibility studies are being carried out for tourist hotels on both coasts rather than for businessmen.

To provide funds for the projects, shareholders agreed last year to increase the paid-up capital from SR300 million to SR500 million. The government holds 20 per cent of the firm's equity, the founders hold 20 per cent, the general public a little more than 50 per cent and the General Organization for Social Insurance holds the remaining shares.

The company was founded three years ago due to an acute hotel shortage following the launching of the country's second five-year plan in 1975. The private sector built a few of the hotels in the Kingdom — including the Meridien and Sheraton in Jeddah, which were followed earlier this year by the Hyatt, Regency and Nova Park.

Equally luxurious and under construction are the Hilton, Intercontinental and the Holiday Inn — apart from other five-star hotels in Riyadh and the Eastern Region. The rate of occupancy in these hotels has fallen from that of the heady 1970s when it hit 100 per cent-plus, as was the case in some of the few existing hotels of the period.

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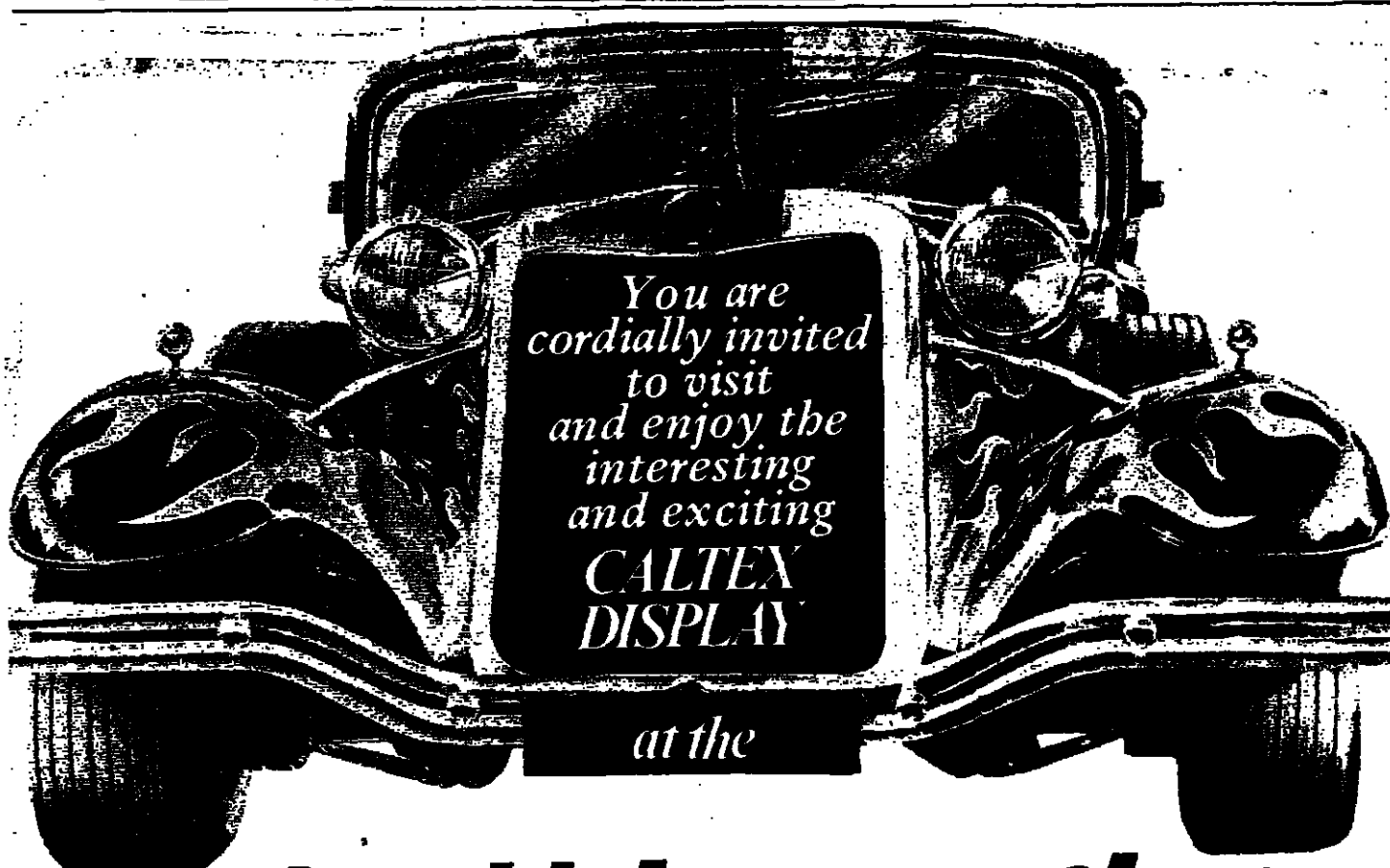
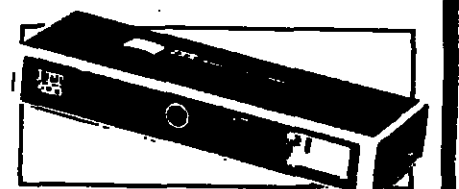
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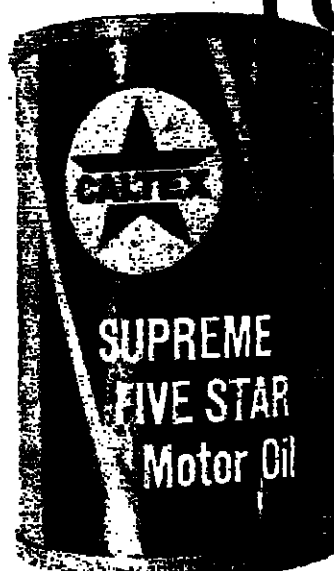


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Babrak Karmal struggles to retain hold on country

LONDON, Dec. 15 (OFNS) — After three weeks of rest, medical checkups and a meeting with President Brezhnev, Afghanistan's beleaguered President Babrak Karmal arrived back in Kabul last month to an even more troubled political situation than he left.

A joint communique issued in Moscow reiterated the Soviet pledge to stand by Afghanistan until all outside interference is ended, the Muslim rebellion is crushed and there is a *de facto* recognition of the Karmal regime as the legitimate government of Afghanistan.

The message from Moscow was clear: that there was no question of a troop withdrawal until these conditions had been met. But the trip also proved that the Soviets have been incapable of uniting the rival Khalk and Parcham factions of the ruling People's Democratic Party. The first round of the most recent factional infighting went to Parcham in June, when a number of Khalks were executed or jailed and Assadulla Sarvani, the deputy prime minister, was sent to Mongolia as an ambassador.

Khalks are now rallying again. Reports from Khalks in Kabul say they are forming defense committees against attacks on their homes by Parchamis. They also speak of their close links with the rebel resistance. Arms for the Khalk dissidents would be no problem because they were massively armed by former Presidents Tarraki and Amin.

Khalk links with the rebels have existed for a long time. Certain Khalk elements who deserted from the army, or fled to Pakistan after the arrival of the Russians, have joined the Islamic freedom fighters based in Peshawar, Pakistan.

Those Khalks who remain in low-key government jobs in Kabul support the exiled Assadulla Sarvani, and are relying on eventual Soviet support for Sarvani to make a comeback. They believe that when Karmal is totally isolated, the Soviets will have no alternative to backing Sarvani, whose followers still have support in the army and the educated urban elite.

However, the intriguing new factor is the support younger Khalks are giving to various breakaway Marxist opposition groups. The largest of these is Sama, formed by disillusioned Khalks and other left-wing students from Kabul University, who fled to the mountains after Tarraki's death.

Basing themselves on the ethnic minority groups, they have an independent Marxist line which is anti-Parcham, anti-Khalk, anti-Soviet and anti-Maoist. Their political line is closely linked to the struggle of the seven minority nationalities that inhabit Afghanistan, who are seeking liberation not only from the Soviets but also from Pathan domination.

Pathans form more than half of Afghanistan's 18 million people and they have dominated every Afghan regime for more than 200 years.

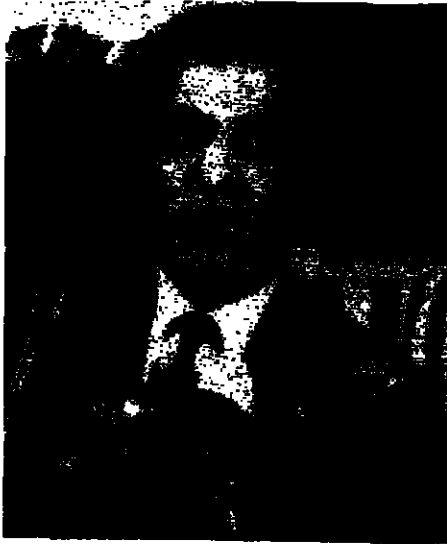
Sama's strength is largely among the Hazaras of central Afghanistan. One section of the Hazara resistance, the Hazara Liberation Front, has close ties with Iran.

The Tajik, Uzbek and Turkoman people, who have their ethnic counterparts in the Soviet Union, have also been resisting the Soviets but the guerrilla action in these obscure regions has been little reported by the Western press, which is getting most of its information from the Peshawar-based groups, all largely Pathan.

The Peshawar-based groups range from Islamic fundamentalists to social democrats and monarchists but they have still been unable to unite their resistance either in the field, or for the purpose of gaining international respectability and aid.

There is increasing speculation that incoming President Reagan is about to launch all-out support and aid to the rebels, but the U.S. is hardly going to commit itself to a movement (even though it is anti-Soviet) which is divided.

The other alternative is an alliance of independent left-wing groups, but Reagan would hardly be enthusiastic about supporting such a movement.



Babrak Karmal

Rightists clash with Palestinians in South Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 15 (R) — Israeli-backed rightist militiamen and Palestinian forces exchanged tank, artillery and rocket fire Monday near the Israeli border in southern Lebanon, United Nations sources said. They said the fighting began Sunday after three civilians were killed when their car was destroyed by a landmine.

A fourth civilian was taken to hospital after the explosion in the village of Tair Harfa, three kilometers from the border, in an enclave of the right-wing militia.

The sources said tanks near the village had opened fire on the southern port city of Tyre. This led to an exchange of fire which continued until early Monday morning. A large number of Israeli jeeps and other military vehicles were seen moving inside the rightist enclave, the sources said.

There was no immediate comment from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) on a report from Israel that an army patrol had dashed with Palestinian commandos trying to cross the border Sunday.

Habre said ready to sign ceasefire pact

PARIS, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Former Chad Defense Minister Hissene Habre, leader of the Northern Armed Forces (FAN) fighting the army of President Goukouni Weddeye, has agreed to sign a ceasefire agreement, informed French sources said Monday.

The sources said Habre was apparently on his way to the Togolese capital, Lome, to sign the agreement drawn up there on Nov. 28 by President Weddeye and the governments of Togo, Congo, Guinea and Benin. They said diplomatic pressure from African leaders rather than reported military setbacks prompted Habre to agree to sign the document he rejected just over two weeks ago.

The Lome agreement was worked out on the initiative of Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). It provided for a ceasefire in Chad, and withdrawal of all forces involved in the battle for the capital, N'Djamena, to a distance of 100 kilometers.

The Chad embassy in Paris issued a communique reporting the capture of the Koufra military camp in the center of N'Djamena, held by the FAN since fighting broke out in Chad nine months ago.

Meanwhile, Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi discussed the civil war in Chad late Sunday in a telephone call with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, the Libyan News Agency Jana said in a report monitored here Monday.

The two men, according to Jana, expressed their support for "the legal government, led by Goukouni Weddeye," whose supporters have been fighting the forces of Habre since March. They also condemned colonialist attempts at interference in Chad's internal affairs, Jana said.

The war figured on the agenda of a meeting in Algiers Sunday of foreign ministry officials and members of Algeria's National Assembly committee on foreign affairs.

The meeting followed a statement from the office of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, which was taken here to herald possible French intervention in Chad, a former French colony.

Unconfirmed reports have said that as many as 5,000 Libyan troops and members of the Libyan-trained Islamic legion are fighting alongside Weddeye's forces.

Meanwhile, a French Defense Ministry spokesman said Sunday that French forces stationed in Africa have not been put on alert, but would in any event be ready to move at any time if the government decided to intervene in the Chad war.

Over austerity budget

Begin cabinet in the balance

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet was deadlocked Sunday in a debate over next year's budget, sparking fears of a coalition crisis that could bring down the government. Finance Minister Yigal Hurvitz reportedly told the cabinet it should quit and call new elections if it could not decide on economic policy.

"Do you know what happens when a government cannot decide?" he said to reporters later. "It has to throw up its hands."

Hurvitz's tough remarks were widely interpreted as a threat to lead his parliamentary faction out of the coalition if his austerity budget is rejected. But the cabinet is unlikely to agree with an election scheduled for next November.

A second cabinet meeting was called for Tuesday to try and resolve the crisis. Hurvitz has used a resignation threat several times in the past to bully his colleagues into agreeing to trim spending.

A walkout by Hurvitz's three-man Rafi faction of Begin's Likud Bloc would seriously threaten Begin's support in the 120-member Knesset or parliament. Begin now controls 60 seats but normally has the backing of several sympathetic independents.

Begin also is negotiating to bring back the breakaway three-man Ahva faction. Details of Hurvitz's budget proposals were not released, but it reportedly calls for a five per cent cut from this year's \$ 12 billion budget. The budget is calculated in Israeli shekels, which fluctuates daily against other currencies in accordance with Israel's 130 per cent inflation rate, making budget estimates difficult. Additional budgets usually are approved during the year to adjust for unexpected inflation.

Israel to expand W. Bank settlements

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15 (AP) — Israel plans to build a new neighborhood northwest of Jerusalem and expand two Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank, Israel radio has reported. All of the construction is slated for state-owned land, according to the report, which could not be confirmed with settlement authorities.

The state radio said a Jewish neighborhood will be built on about 1,200 acres near Nebi Samwil to complete the encirclement of the capital by Israeli housing. The land is outside the municipal boundaries.

Another 250 acres are to be added to the Kiryat Arba settlement, the report said. The land, which is not officially registered, will be declared state-owned. Bedouin Arabs presently occupying the area will be entitled to appeal to the military government or the supreme court, according to the radio report.

The land, near the Arab village of Si'il, is to be converted to an industrial zone for Kiryat Arba. The Ariel settlement, 20 miles east of Tel Aviv, also is to be expanded, the report said.

Israel has built about 75 settlements in the West Bank, captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war. Prime Minister Menachem Begin has said Israel plans to build only ten more settlements on occupied Arab land, but insists, Israel has a right to expand existing settlements.

Ethiopian offensive fails, EPLF says

KHARTOUM, Dec. 15 (R) — An Ethiopian government offensive against freedom fighters in the Red Sea province of Eritrea has collapsed after 10 days of fighting, a spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said Monday.

Issayas Afewerki, the EPLF's field commander, told reporters massive infantry assaults, backed by bombing raids and artillery fire, failed to get through EPLF positions overlooking the coastal plain near the town of Afabet.

The fighters counterattacked behind the government lines last Thursday and the government army fell back to their original positions on the plain, he said.

The rebel commander said the government forces also opened an intense barrage further north, but there was no infantry advance to follow up, apparently because of the failure to break through at Afabet.

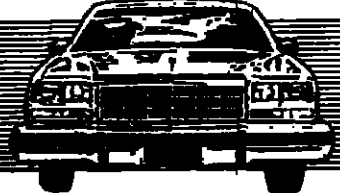
BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AP) — A former Egyptian foreign minister was quoted here Sunday as warning President Anwar Sadat's government against involvement in U.S. military schemes in the Gulf that could result in an "American Afghanistan" there. Egypt must refuse all Israeli offers to enter into a tripartite alliance with Israel and the United States in order to facilitate the U.S. mission to use its forces to defend Arab Gulf states against aggression," said Ismail Fahmi in an interview with the Kuwait daily *Al-Qabas*.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Polisario guerrillas fighting for independence in the Western Sahara killed 130 Moroccan troops and destroyed 42 vehicles in an operation on the Morocco-Sahara frontier on Dec. 10 and 11. The Algerian-backed movement said here Sunday.

KUWAIT, (R) — Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Seddik Benyahia said in Kuwait Sunday his country had not defaulted on payments to the Arab group which confronts Israel.

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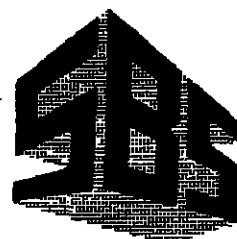
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For American Indians

Winter solstice marked by fear and relief

By Rita Bobowski
Smithsonian News Service

It goes by many names: the beginning of winter, the shortest day of the year, mid-winter's night. This year, it will occur on Dec. 21 at precisely 11:56 a.m. EST.

To astronomers it is known as the winter solstice, the moment when the sun stops its southern migration in the sky. In fact, the word solstice comes from the Latin "solstitium," meaning "the sun comes to a halt."

Most people today are barely aware of the winter solstice. But the early Indian peoples of North America celebrated that event



WINTER: a Hopi Indian celebrates the solstice with elaborate rituals. Indeed, recent archaeological evidence supports the theory that native Americans not only revered the sun but that they devoted much time and ingenuity to observing its position and movement in the sky.

The sun, like the land, played a central role in the lives of native Americans. Its light and warmth brought life to the people and their crops. Its movements were incorporated into their cultures and thoughts. Its cycles lent a structure to their societies, providing a calendar on which to base their ceremonial, agricultural and hunting activities.

"Early peoples saw themselves as an integral part of the natural world," says Von Del Chamberlain, an astronomer at the

Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., who has studied astronomy in ancient cultures.

"When the sun would rise, they were thankful; when it set, they were hopeful it would rise again. If they lost the sun, they knew that they would lose life itself. Thus sunwatching was a crucial activity, and the winter solstice was one of the most significant festivals of the year."

"On the day of the winter solstice," Chamberlain continues, "the sun rises and sets at its most southerly position on the horizon. At noon on this day, the sun appears at its lowest point in the southern sky. Early native Americans were afraid that the sun might continue to sink lower and lower in the sky until it disappeared altogether. They felt they had to perform a variety of rituals to guarantee that the sun would continue to rise and set and return to the northern sky."

The Hopi Indians of Arizona, for instance, celebrated the winter solstice for many hundreds of years with a complex, nine-day ceremony called "Soyal." Chants, dances, prayer offerings and public rituals were held to entreat the sun to turn back from its southward course and begin anew a northward journey, bringing light and warmth for the coming growing season.

Anthropologists have observed the Soyal festivities firsthand since the late 19th century. Their reports indicate how the Hopi Indians made prayer sticks, or Pahos, of assorted objects, such as feathers, string, herbs and willow sticks. The chief placed the offerings at a "sun altar" facing the direction of the midwinter solstice, just as the sun peeped over the horizon.

During another part of the ceremony, the chief, this time representing the sun held a rawhide sun symbol fastened to a stick. As he danced from east to west and back again, he shook the stick, symbolizing the coming and going of the sun.

Recent archaeological discoveries reveal that native Americans not only carried out ceremonies but also developed ingenious ways to observe the sun. Consider, for example, Cahokia, in what is now southwestern Illinois. Cahokia was a major Indian city between the 10th and 14th centuries on the Mississippi River near present-day St. Louis. In the 1960s, archaeologist Warren Wittry of the Cranbrook Institute of Science near Detroit discovered within the limits of the ancient city a series of pits, arranged in a circular fashion.

From the shape and dimensions of the pits, Wittry surmised that they once held wooden posts which could have been used to mark the directions of sunrise at the summer and winter solstices and at the equinoxes (the two times of the year when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are everywhere of

equal length). This finding and the discovery of several interesting artifacts (among them a ceremonial gable) suggest that the Cahokians might have used the site not only to observe the sun but also to stage ceremonies to mark the winter solstice.



SUN: a Navajo sand painting

In the western United States, several large stone "medicine wheels" left centuries ago by the Plains Indians along the eastern flanks of the Rocky Mountains also seem to indicate various sun-watching techniques. Some of these wheels are aligned with important astronomical points, including the positions

Poisoned by rival?

New play explores mystery of Mozart's death

NEW YORK. (WP) — It all began about three years ago. Peter Shaffer, who has a special interest in odd events and obscure crannies of the human psyche, began to brood about the mysterious death and legend-shrouded funeral of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

"The storm at Mozart's funeral was a 19th-century legend," says Shaffer, leaning over his table at New York's Backstage restaurant and sipping a cup of coffee. "We know it was a legend, because there was a dreary person in Vienna at the time named Count Zinzendorf who kept a diary and wrote down the weather for each day."

"He recorded no storm on the day of Mozart's funeral, and he seems reliable about weather — more reliable than he was about music. He went to the premiere of *Don Giovanni* and recorded that it was 'boring.' He went to Handel's *Messiah* and wrote in his diary that it was 'a nightmare.'"

"I began wondering why the legend had arisen that there was a storm at Mozart's funeral, and why the body was lost, and why (Mozart's rival, Austrian court-composer Antonio) Salieri was there. The legend that Mozart was poisoned by Salieri is well known, of course — and if it had happened, it would have been hushed up. You can't have Hapsburg court officials murdering one another."

With half a dozen successful plays to his credit, including *Equus*, *The Royal Hunt of the Sun*, *Black Comedy* and *Five Finger Exercise*, Shaffer at 54 enjoys the leisure to brood about mysterious events. *Equus* originated in a news story (told to him by a friend) about a boy who mutilated a horse.

Amadeus, which opens Wednesday at the National Theatre in Washington began with Shaffer's reading about the death of Mozart. But that is now only a small part of the play, which spans the last 10 years of the composer's life to encompass an encounter between genius and mere talent, the thin line that divides admiration from jealousy, the politics of music in 18th-century Vienna, mankind's quarrel with God and the inability of society to find a place for its greatest members.

Amadeus has been a solid hit in London for more than a year, but when Shaffer sat down to talk about it in New York, that solidity had melted into enthusiasm for a new presentation. "This is the part of the production I like best," he said, "when the words are becoming flesh. There's no more work to do on paper, but you are working with people, carving the play with the actors. The play has to go out into the world... no — it has to go into them, the actors."

"At the beginning of rehearsals, the actors keep coming up to you and asking, 'I wonder if I could change this?' as though you are the repository of some kind of secret. Then, four weeks later, you go up to them and ask, 'I wonder if you could make these changes,' and they say, 'No it's totally impossible — he would never do that.' The character has taken over and is telling them what can and what cannot be done."

Shaffer is used to revisions and has willingly changed about 10 percent of the script

of sunrise and sunset on the day of the summer solstice in June. The summer solstice is the longest day of the year, and for many ancient cultures it was the most important astronomical date.

The Bighorn Medicine Wheel built around 1760 in northern Wyoming, for instance, is a circular structure of rocks laid out on the ground across a diameter of about 90 feet. Discovered by prospectors in the late 1880s, the structure has a large cairn, or rock pile, at its center, with "spokes" of rocks that radiate from the center to the rim. Five smaller cairns lie along the rim at irregular intervals, and a sixth, more prominent cairn stands several feet outside at the end of one of the spokes.

This odd formation takes on new meaning when viewed from an astronomical standpoint. The number of spokes in the wheel is 28, about the same as the number of days in a lunar month. The positions of two of the cairns indicate that they might have served as horizon markers for sunrise and sunset. Many astronomers now believe that this arrangement enabled the Plains Indians to mark the time of the summer solstice with precision.

"To the ancients," Chamberlain says,



MEDICINE WHEEL: used centuries ago by the Plains Indians in sun-watching

"astronomy was a fundamental part of everyday life, incorporating nature, art and mythology. It was part of their concept of themselves, their origins and their world. It provided a calendar that regulated agricultural activities, essential to communities like the Hopi who eked out a marginal living from the land. It also served to regulate the rituals that gave the community an identity."

Today, some native American celebrations of the sun survive in ceremonies and art — the Hopis, for instance, still celebrate Soyal — although the sun no longer plays the same crucial role in their lives as it did in the lives of their ancestors. But to ancient native American astronomers, it was only natural that the sun, so central to life itself, should be so closely observed.

Salieri: "Tell me, no offense intended, but why are Italians so scared of complexity in music? They really are the most simple-minded people in the world."

The amazing thing about Mozart's music, Shaffer believes, is not merely its quality, its abundance or its complexity (which was a bit too much for the Viennese taste of his time), but above all that "It happens to a bouncy, little child-man with many failings. Not to the tortured artist who became one of the favorite legends of the romantic era, or to the porcelain child whom many people like to see in Mozart."

Shaffer's Mozart has, in fact, many of the qualities observed in a notable modern child prodigy, Bobby Fischer. There is the same lack of social amenities — the arrogance of genius. This arrogance can be found in Mozart's letters — particularly his letters to his father, a professional musician — where the son is both precise and merciless in his judgment of contemporaries. The scatology is in his letters, too — particularly the letters sent to his sister when he was traveling as a child prodigy.

In the later years most of the letters are to his father, respectful and businesslike, or to friends from whom he is begging money. But

occasionally in a letter to his wife there is a glimpse of the private Mozart near the end of his life, not incompatible with the earthy Mozart of *Amadeus*:

"If I were to tell you all the things I do with your portrait, I think that you would often laugh. For instance, when I take it out of its case, I say, 'Good-day, Stanzerl — good-day little rascal, pussy-wussy, little turned-up nose.'"

Shaffer finds this Mozart more interesting and convincing than the more common legends and thinks his portrait is supported by the playwright's research. "I spent a lot of time on what I call creative research," he says, "and what began as an idle pleasure gradually turns into an obsession. I've read almost all the books on Mozart — there are not all that many, compared to people like Beethoven or Napoleon — and then I spent a lot of time, right into the rehearsals, taking out references that would clutter and slow down the play."

Businessmen to meet

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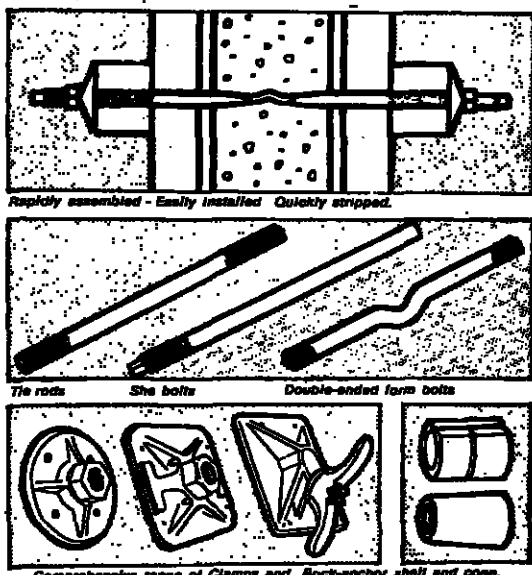
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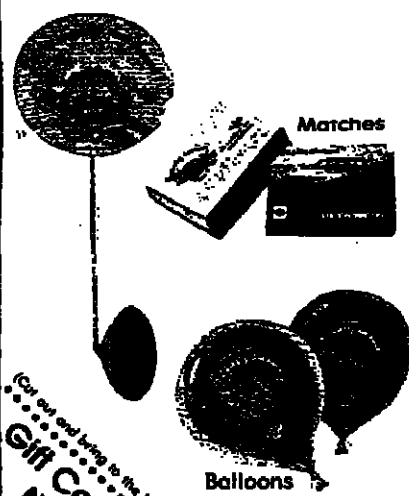
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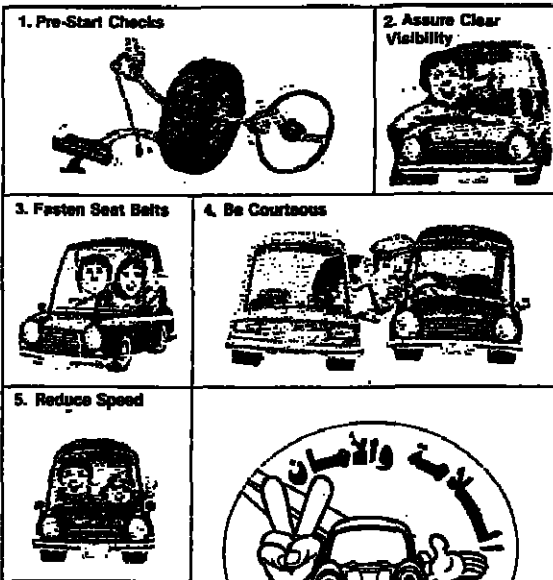
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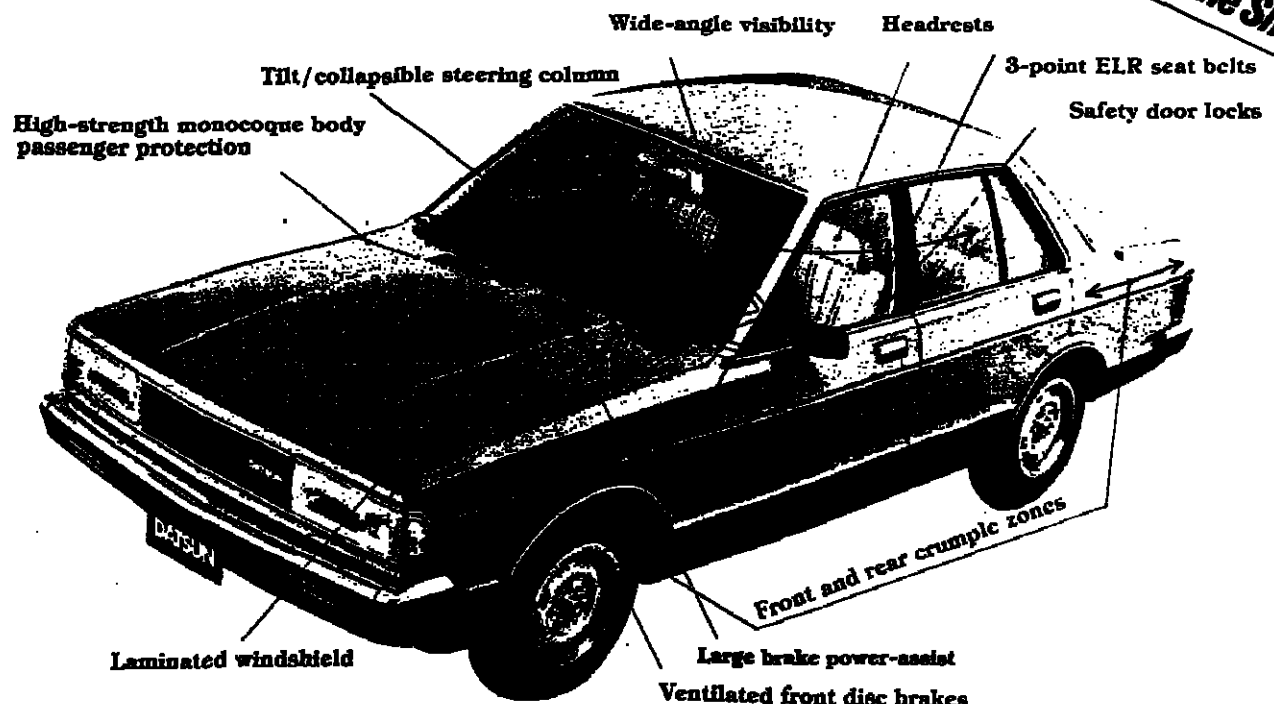
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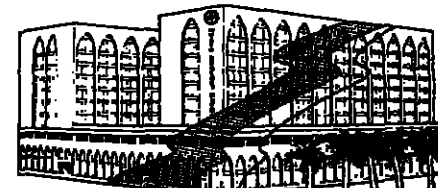
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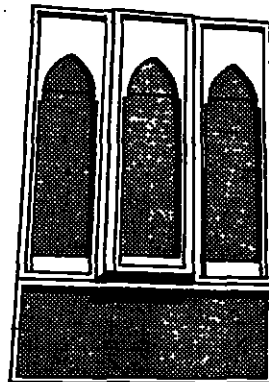


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Family of magistrate appeals to Brigades

ROME, Dec. 15 (AP) — The wife and two daughters of an Italian judge kidnapped by the Red Brigades have appealed to the abductors to release him "quickly and unharmed."

All major newspapers printed large front-page photographs of Judge Giovanni d'Urso sitting in front of a red flag embossed with the words Brigade Rosse (Red Brigades) and a five-pointed star in a circle. He was holding a large sign board scribbled with Red Brigades demands for an exchange for jailed leftist terrorists.

D'Urso, 49, who held the highly sensitive post of directing transfers of inmates to maximum security prisons, was snatched Friday in the first political kidnapping since the Red Brigades grabbed former Premier Aldo Moro in March 1978 and killed him after holding him 53 days in a "people's prison."

"I, Franca d'Urso, with my daughters Lorena and Giada, wish to renew our appeal to the men of the Red Brigades to release my husband quickly and unharmed," d'Urso's wife said in a nationwide television interview.

Police launched a massive hunt, throwing up roadblocks in Rome. But police sources said they were not making much progress because there apparently was no witnesses to the abduction, which occurred as d'Urso was returning home from his office in the justice ministry.

Chicago seminar banishes jet jitters

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP) — They had a fear of flying, many even afraid to go near an airport. But that's all over now, thanks to a week-long seminar by a retired Pan American World Airways captain, who teaches "avia-phobias" to appreciate the wild blue yonder.

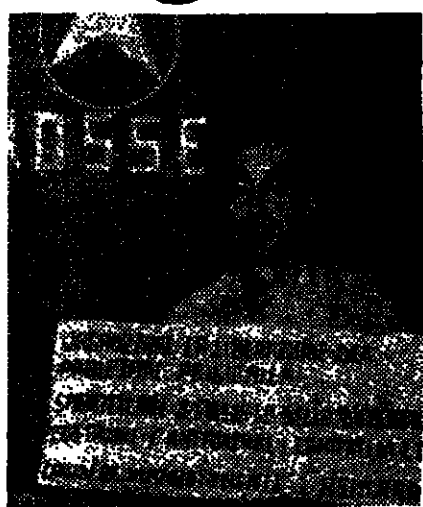
About 55 phobics disembarked from a DC-10 jet ride to O'Hare International Airport on Saturday after a round trip to Detroit, Michigan, clutching diplomas and looking happy, not scared.

"This was a very real fear for them," said Joe Hopkins, a spokesman for United Airlines. "One guy had lost his job and, believe it or not, his marriage, because of it. His job required travel and his ex-wife liked to travel."

Greenpeace, aquarium at odds over whale plan

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Dec. 15 (AP) — Greenpeace, the environmental group, and the Vancouver Public Aquarium are at odds over the aquarium's reported plans to add a killer whale to its collection.

Greenpeace, which opposes the capture of killer whales, says it has learned that aquarium officials are looking for a whale to replace Skana, the trained killer whale which



Judge d'Urso as pictured by the Red Brigades

A leaflet found outside a Rome cinema Saturday said "An armed nucleus of the Red Brigades has captured and put in a people's prison the hangman, jailer of thousands of proletarians, Giovanni d'Urso."

An anonymous caller to the Turin offices of the Communist Party newspaper *L'Unita* said the Red Brigades were holding d'Urso and demanding that the government abolish a maximum security prison off Sardinia where a number of violent politicals are held.

The seminar, which costs \$200 plus airfare, was run by retired PanAm Capt. Truman Cummings, Cummings, 63, has been running fear-of-flying classes around the United States since 1975. He said he does it because so many people are afraid of airlines.

"There is one study that shows 25 million adults are fearful of flying," he said. "To re-educate his students, Cummings leads them through classes in which he discusses their fears with them, shows films about flying and demonstrates breathing exercises to help them relax on planes."

During one class, Cummings explains how an airplane flies. Then he takes his class on a tour of an airplane, often introducing the pilot who will fly the plane during the graduation class.

died in October. "The aquarium isn't trying to hide anything," said Ray Lord, an aquarium spokesman. He said no decision had been made about acquiring a whale, but said the aquarium was interested two small whales currently in an Icelandic aquarium and had obtained permits necessary to import them.

Obote takes office, pledges reconciliation

KAMPALA, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Milton Obote, the man who led Uganda from independence in 1962 until 1971, when he was overthrown by Idi Amin, Monday became president for a second time, following his Uganda Peoples Congress Party's victory in last week's general elections.

Obote, whose party won the right to name the new president after its victory at the polls last Wednesday and Thursday, took the oath of office before the country's new 126-seat national assembly.

The final results of the general election, the country's first poll in 18 years, are not yet in, but latest figures put the number of seats held by the UPC at 70. The Democratic Party, the main rival to the UPC, has won at least 48 seats in the poll but it has called for a fresh poll under the supervision of an independent commission. The DP rejected the result maintaining that there was fraud in favor of Obote's party.

In an emotional address after his inauguration, Obote said, "Today we raise the banner of democracy once more and proclaim the rule of law." Warning Ugandans that they faced great challenges, he said, "Let us be inspired by the examples of our neighbors and friends — Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia."

Obote said past questions of countries who supported Amin, or were unfriendly to Uganda, were now forgotten. "Our policy of reconciliation shall extend to all parts of the world. The past is gone. We start a new future."

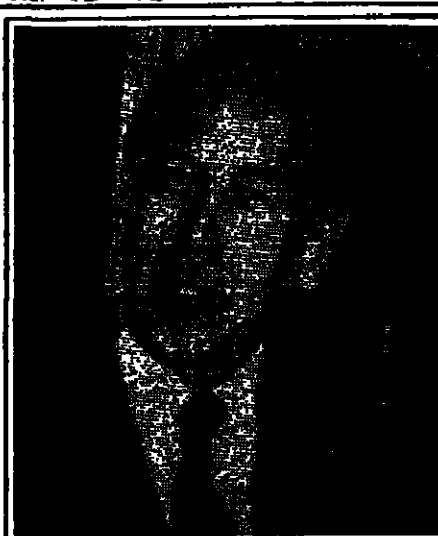
Obote promised Sunday to return Uganda's army to the barracks and to control lawlessness with the help of civilian vigilante groups. Obote spoke with reporters at State House in Entebbe.

Obote moved into the stately residence, with its rolling lawns and a view of Lake Victoria, on Saturday.

Speaking briefly with reporters, he said rebuilding Uganda and bringing morality back to the nation were his primary tasks. "We will move quickly to control the insecurity situation," Obote told reporters. "I think it would be easy to get the troops back in the barracks. But that is not the main problem. There are too many guns in the hands of thugs. We are going to set up vigilante groups in every village and town, so that people can help the police."

Similar groups have been operating in Uganda for nearly two years but have failed to curb violent crime.

Obote helped lead Uganda to independence 18 years ago. After being elected prime minister, he seized the presidency, dismissed parliament and jailed his opponents in the late 1960s.



Giscard d'Estaing

Giscard slips in opinion poll

PARIS, Dec. 15 (AFP) — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing is losing support, an opinion poll published in the right-wing newspaper *Figaro* indicated Monday.

Assuming that Giscard d'Estaing — who has not yet declared his candidacy — and his Socialist rival Francois Mitterand are left to fight it out in the second round of next spring's presidential elections the poll showed that 56 per cent would vote for the president and 44 per cent for his rival.

By comparison with the last poll a month ago Giscard d'Estaing has slipped three percentage points and Mitterand gained three. But 36 per cent of the 1,000 voters interviewed said they could yet change their minds.

Significantly 63 per cent also thought the presidential mandate of seven years is too long and would prefer to see a five-year term. The French president has greater power than any other West European head of state and some quarters have said it should be more limited.

SWAPO holds rally

WINDHOEK, Southwest Africa, Dec. 15 (AFP) — More than 2,000 supporters of the SWAPO guerrillas assembled openly here on Sunday to protest against a recently law imposing compulsory military training.

The crowd at the Katutura black township sang revolutionary songs and chanted slogans of the Southwest Africa People's Organization. Youths wearing the SWAPO colors — red, blue and green — moved about with fists clenched in the black-power salute. Police stood by and did not intervene.

Speakers belonging to the SWAPO youth movement attacked the military training order as "an evil trick by South Africa and its puppets." Others said its aim was "to get us to fight against our own brothers."

Fears superpower battle

Oslo uneasy on NATO role

OSLO, Dec. 15 (WP) — Norway has become embroiled in a far-reaching national debate about its military relationship with the United States and its crucial role in the defense of the northern flank of NATO.

The unusually intense debate, which has dominated politics and the media for months, has grown out of controversy about recent Norwegian government decision to stockpile American arms, ammunition and other supplies for use by U.S. troops and planes in the event of war.

Opposition by some politicians, academics, journalists and nuclear disarmament campaigners has stirred strong fears that these contingency arrangements risk involving Norway in nuclear war by making it a base for U.S. attacks against the Soviet Union, which borders Norway on the north.

The debate reflects widespread apprehension throughout much of northern Europe that there is an increasing danger of it becoming a nuclear battleground for the two superpowers. Especially among young people, politically active women and leftist intellectuals and politicians, there is a revival of nuclear disarmament activism and opposition to last year's NATO decision to deploy new American nuclear missiles in Europe.

As international tensions build from Poland to the Middle East to Afghanistan, noted a ranking Norwegian diplomat, "there is a feeling among people that we are moving inevitably toward some kind of catastrophe" and that the United States and Soviet Union might try to confine a nuclear conflict to Europe rather than striking against each other.

"This is the debate emerging in Norwegian society and other smaller NATO nations like Denmark, Holland and Belgium," he said. "There is a growing fear of nuclear war and frustration with lack of progress on disarmament. The big challenge in Europe is to cope with the nuclear arms issue."

Norway, with a close U.S. relationship since world war II, "is moving toward the general European view that détente is a more central question than the U.S. now appears to believe," said Gro Harlem Brundtland, vice chairman of Norway's governing left-of-center Labor Party and chairman of the foreign affairs committee in parliament. "There is a fear that we are becoming an arms arena for the two superpowers."

Support for a strong national defense still remains high in Norway, according to politicians, diplomatic observers and opinion polls. With its new North Sea oil wealth, Norway is the only NATO ally in Europe that remains firmly committed to increasing its annual defense spending by the NATO target of 3 per cent above inflation through 1985.

The defense debate has divided the ruling Labor Party, whose publicly perceived lack of decisive leadership is likely to be a central

issue in next year's national election. Leaders of the opposition Conservative Party have criticized labor for giving too much ground to its dissident left wing on defense and foreign policy.

At issue have been two basic premises of Norway's defense and its role in NATO: the rapid arrival of NATO reinforcements to help defend Norway if it were attacked and the availability of pre-stocked Norwegian airfields and ports for refueling, repairing, and rearming NATO warplanes and ships in a battle with the Soviets for control of the North Atlantic.

Despite its internal dissent and growing public doubts reflected in opinion polls, the Labor Party leadership recently endorsed the most recent NATO reinforcement and stockpiling agreement. It provides for storage of heavy equipment, including artillery, for a U.S. Marine brigade that could then be quickly airlifted to Norway. Final parliamentary approval is assured later this month or in January.

Lennon suspect turns down food

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — The man accused of slaying former Beatle John Lennon refused to eat during the weekend until his food was checked for possible poisoning, a prison spokesman said Sunday.

Mark Chapman, transferred to the more secure Rikers Island facility from Bellevue Hospital three days ago, ate after his attorney, Jonathan Marks, and a civilian chief watched the Sunday meal being prepared, said correction department spokesman Ed Hershey.

The Honolulu man's fear apparently arose from a death threat written on the wall of his cell, Hershey said. However, Hershey could not confirm a report that Chapman had refused to eat for two days. The scrawled threat apparently was addressed to Chapman and left by one of a dozen inmates who were moved out of the prison infirmary Friday so Chapman could be isolated.

It said: "Chapman. You have not much time left. Don't feel pity. Now it is behind that?"

"He has been very passive" throughout the week, Hershey said, and has "given no trouble to correction officers" or others who have come in contact with him since his arrest Dec. 8, shortly after Lennon was gunned down outside his New York City apartment.

It was not known whether Chapman was aware of Sunday's 10-minute vigil of silence for Lennon. Chapman is being held under intensive security and a "suicide watch." A guard has been assigned around the clock to Chapman's cell.

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S. America to honor idealistic hero Bolivar

BOGOTA, Dec. 15 (AFP) — South America will celebrate on Wednesday the 50th anniversary of the death of Simon Bolivar, the great "Liberator" who died on Dec. 17, 1830, in misery and loneliness.

The celebrations will be held even though Bolivar himself, at the time of his death at the age of 47, saw the wreck of his great ambition to found a confederation of South American countries freed from the yoke of the Spanish crown.

At least seven South and Central American and Caribbean heads of state will attend a Bolivar memorial ceremony at Santa Maria, a small Colombian Atlantic Ocean port where the Liberator, who was a Venezuelan, died.

Several historians believe that Bolivar's destiny was sealed during a trip he made to Europe, as a member of a rich Caracas family loyal to the Spanish throne, for the Paris coronation of Napoleon as emperor in 1804.

Bolivar wrote later that while in Notre Dame

Cathedral in Paris, he dreamed about "the glory that a man would win by liberating his country from the Spanish yoke."

An admirer of Napoleon, the young man at that moment swore that he would be the liberator of Latin America.

Six years later, Bolivar returned to Caracas to begin a series of wars of independence which were to shake the continent from 1810 to 1830. His troops battled the Spanish king's men over a vast area from the Pacific to the Caribbean, slowly prizing from Spanish grip the territories which are today Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador (united at the time as Great Colombia), Peru, Chile and Bolivia.

The wars of independence ended with the Battle of Ayacucho, Peru, on Dec. 9, 1824 — but then the political intrigues started. From being an outstanding military strategist, Bolivar became an orator, jurist, politician and statesman preaching the first Pan-American platform. He drew up the political structure of states and their new constitutions.

He believed in small federated states as a guarantee of liberty, rather than in large republics which he considered might "tend to become empires." He explained his ideas at the "First International Congress of South America" which he called in Panama. He urged neutrality, a joint civil code, abolition of slavery, a joint army and navy, and rejection of all European interference in the continent.

But the congress was a failure and only a few countries attended while others threatened to go to war. An ill and disappointed man, tired of intrigues and embittered by the treachery of most of his aides — except for the victor of Ayacucho, Jose Antonio Sucre — Bolivar abandoned political and military power in 1830.

For nearly 20 years, Bolivar had ruled over an immense territory, like another Napoleon, while never yielding to the temptation of being crowned emperor. But he passed the last weeks of his life in Santa Maria, cared for by a French doctor, and died in poverty.

Cancer treatment urged

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — One in three people who learn they have cancer this year will survive five years or more after treatment, the American Cancer Society reported Sunday.

And when normal life expectancy, including factor such as dying of heart disease, accidents, and old age diseases, is taken into consideration, 41 per cent of the cancer patients will survive for five years, the society said in its 1981 "Cancer Facts and Figures" report.

The society said more lives could be saved with early cancer diagnosis and prompt treatment. The society said that in 1981, about 420,000 people in the United States will die of cancer — 1,150 people a day or one person every 75 seconds. The report said one in every five deaths in the United States was caused by cancer, which is the nation's second leading cause of death, following heart disease.



PRACTICE: Noted U.S. tenor Luciano Pavarotti sings to the delight of Italian baritone Leo Nucci, right, during a rehearsal for a recent benefit concert at Chicago's Lyric Opera House. Receipts went to help victims of devastating earthquakes in southern Italy. (AP photo)

Reporter recalls Klan havens bristled with weapons

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Dec. 15 (AP) — A newspaper reporter who infiltrated two rival factions of the Ku Klux Klan, the white supremacist organization, said the 1½-years he spent undercover was a time of sadness, fear and worry. In a story in Monday editions of the *Tennessean* — the last segment of a nine-part series — reporter Jerry Thompson, 40, said innocent faces of children at Klan rallies was one of the saddest sights.

"Each time I saw them I felt sorry for them," Thompson wrote. "They are being indoctrinated with the Klan's racist doctrine of white supremacy."

Thompson said one child reminded him of his own 9-year-old daughter. "In the midst of two dozen Klan people wearing robes and

hoods, here appeared this petite little girl, striding along, fully robed and hooded. Her eyes looked straight ahead. She was expressionless. Our Klan people kept referring to her as cute. Seeing her made me want to cry."

He said he felt guilty when he saw blacks watch him and other costumed Klansmen walk along a sidewalk.

Thompson, who now is living with round-the-clock police protection at his Nashville house, also said he feared his true identity would be discovered. He belonged to two Klan factions — the knights of the KK and the more militant Invisible Empire.

He said both factions are poorly financed and survive by selling gadgets, T-shirts, trinkets and racist materials. But in a Sunday

story, Thompson also said members of the Invisible Empire carried a variety of weapons to meetings and rallies and often urged others to prepare for warfare against blacks.

"For more than two months I would attend regular Klavern meetings, participate in a March through the streets of Birmingham, Alabama, and found myself surrounded at every Klan event by more guns than I had ever seen in one place," said Thompson, a veteran reporter.

At a meeting in Cullman, Alabama, Thompson said, "I noticed that a pistol, still tucked in a holster, lay on the table with its barrel pointed directly at me. Apparently I was not the only one who was nervous. Another Klansman ... left his chair and changed the position of the gun. I felt better."

Chinese take superstitions over doctrine

PEKING, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Old wives' tales and superstitions are enjoying renewed popularity amongst certain classes despite more than 30 years of Communist rule in China. Even city dwellers who had more or less been left out of this growing wave of superstition, mainly because of intense political indoctrination, are no longer an exception.

Recently a small pamphlet was being distributed in Peking streets with 50 unusual remedies on "how to keep teeth white" and "how to shave yourself without a razor." Ironically the pamphlet is titled "News about Scientific Discoveries" and it guarantees that its remedies will work.

Many remedies are made up of age-old Chinese herbal formulas. For instance an infusion of fresh ginger will cure a cold and headaches and one with an ear of corn will lower the blood pressure.

An entire page is devoted to predicting the sex of an unborn baby, an important topic here where couples are urged to have only one child. The prediction is made after a rather complicated juggling with the mother's age and the month the child was conceived.

Other publications — both official and underground — deal with the same topic. One claims that an expectant mother should eat salt if she wants a boy and sugar for a baby girl. Another gives various herbal potions she must drink.

The press here has been attacking the widespread phenomenon of all kinds of charlatans who "are profiting from the credulity of the masses," and urging a strict control of all medical drugs on sale to the public. The daily *Beijing Kibao* reported a "silliness" in a small village near here where a "magic white powder" was being sold for every kind of illness — in fact it turned out to be fine sand.

Palms are making a comeback. In Wuhan, central China, an old woman was telling people's fortunes by reading their fingerprints, and a pamphlet on palmistry was being distributed in the eastern province of Shandong.

Astrology is popular, even amongst young people. The youth daily *Zhongguo Qingnian* reported at the beginning of the year that some young couples had postponed their wedding for 12 months because 1980 was the year of the monkey and the animal has a particularly bad reputation in China.

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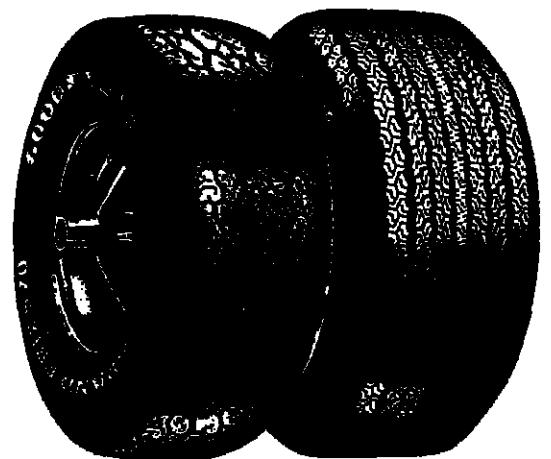
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Suharto calls on OPEC to end Iraq-Iran war

BALI, Indonesia, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Indonesian President Suharto Monday opened the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) semi-annual conference here with a call for a quick solution to the Iran-Iraq war within the "OPEC family". The president said the oil ministers should adopt a "wise attitude" that would be "conducive" to ending the three-month-old Gulf conflict.

"As members of the big family of OPEC, it is the duty of us all to adopt a wise attitude, in creating an atmosphere and a condition that will be conducive to the solution", he said. "I would like to make an honest appeal here from Bali to our beloved brothers who are now in dispute — Iran and Iraq — to seek the best conceivable solution to their conflict as soon as possible."

"In conformity with the teachings of Islam and of Muhammad the prophet," he went on, "let us settle the dispute between us like we settle it among brothers within the family". Restoration of peace between Iran and Iraq would consolidate the force of OPEC for the well-being of the entire world, President Suharto added. He suggested the meeting here Monday might produce a fresh wind for mutual understanding among the OPEC members.

OPEC outgoing President Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi backed the president's appeal for peace, commenting that the conference had been made difficult by the

Kuwait extends loans to Congo, Bangladesh

KUWAIT, Dec. 15 (AP) — Kuwait has extended two loans totaling \$34 million to Bangladesh and Congo, the official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported Monday. KUNA said the Congo loan of \$24 million will be utilized for railway development, while the \$10 million loan to Bangladesh for expanding electric power distribution. The Bangladesh loan is repayable over 25 years at an interest rate of 1.5 per cent with an initial interest-free period of five years. The Congo loan carries an interest rate of 3.5 per cent. It will be added to two previous Kuwait loans totalling \$18.5 million to be repaid by the year 2001.

particular situation of two member states engaged in a murderous conflict. Nabi also said OPEC needed to put up oil prices on the basis of inflation to maintain prouder countries' purchasing power.

Later the ministers have agreed on an agenda and will discuss proposals to boost prices, Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said Monday. Calderon Berti, who is becoming de facto conference spokesman, told reporters that the agenda did not include a separate item on the Iran-Iraq war.

He said Iran, however, appeared likely to make a statement calling for the release of their captured Oil Minister Muhammad Javad Tonguyan, an Iraqi prisoner of war.

The agreed agenda, he said, covered prices, the election of a new secretary general and budget of the 13-member cartel.

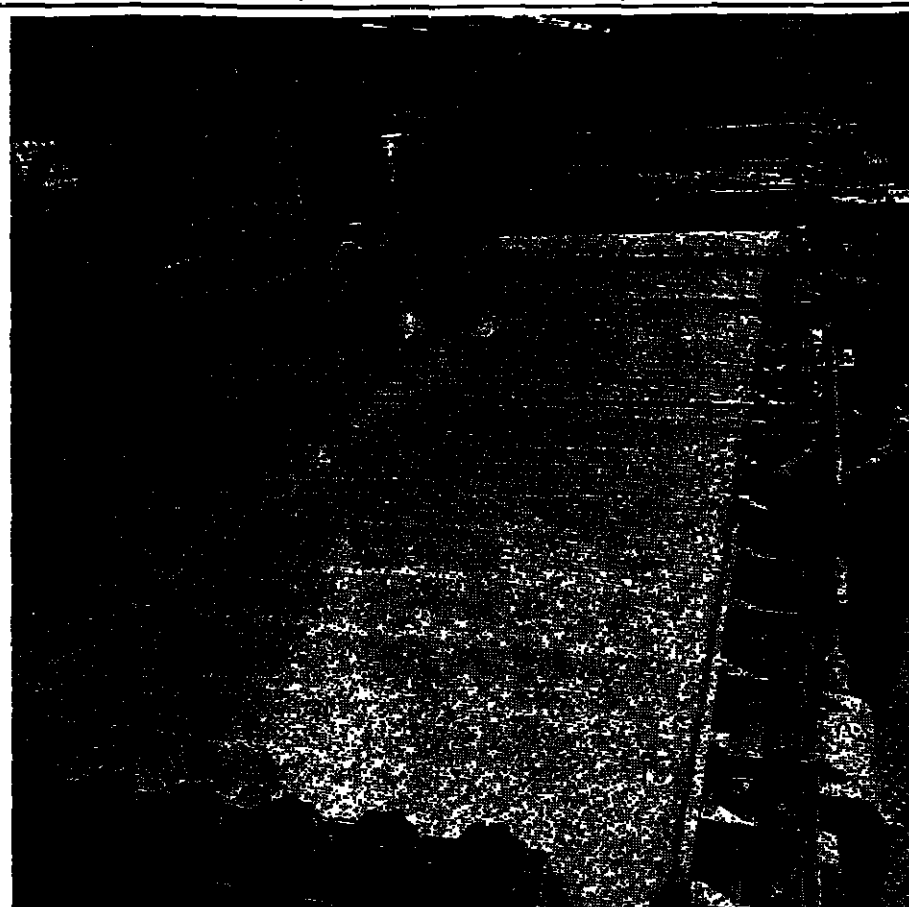
The agenda agreement marks the first show of any semblance of OPEC unity since the outbreak of the Gulf war. Calderon Berti said the meeting might end by Tuesday morning if closed-door deliberations went well.

He expressed optimism about the organization's future. He reiterated support for a long-term indexing system that would push average price up by about two to three per cent, in real terms, in stages next year.

But the minister, a past OPEC president who tries to mediate internal disputes, noted there could be no such move until price unity was restored. He would like to see a \$32 base price. Current prices range from 30 dollars to \$37. He said he had met privately with the delegations from both Iran and Iraq, but held out no hope for an early end to the conflict. Calderon Berti was speaking during an impromptu press.

Calderon said Iran asked for the agenda to include the case of its captured Oil Minister whose portrait occupied his empty chair at the opening ceremony. But Iraq refused to discuss it and other delegates did not want it on the agenda. Exclusion of the case from the agenda did not mean that Iran would not be able to make a statement about it, Calderon said. "I expect they are going to make a statement," he added.

Earlier, Iran's Deputy Oil Minister Hasan Sadat had hinted that he was ready to compromise on the agenda. "As far as we are concerned we wanted this (the Gulf war) to be discussed by presenting the picture of his excellency (the captured minister) we think it has been discussed," he told Reuters.



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Soviets order increase in meat, milk production

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (AP) — A Communist Party Central Committee decree published Sunday orders creation of a cash-incentive plan designed to increase meat and milk production and protect herds from the current feed problems. Under the plan, republics would compete against republic, autonomous region against autonomous region and collective farm against collective farm for cash prizes awarded on performance. Successful farms would also get buses and cars.

Top prizes are to range from \$7,750 for state and collective farms to \$155 thousand, for republics. One Western analyst said the

decree reflects "substantial concern at high levels about declining meat production and even more concern about declining dairy production."

Meat production increased every year from 1976 to 1979 but overall production was still well below levels anticipated in the five-year plan ending Dec. 31. Meat production so far this year is down slightly from a year ago, according to official Soviet statistics. Milk production declined in both 1978 and 1979 and production during the first nine months of 1980 was also behind production last year, the statistics show.

OECD asked to help solve 'serious economic crisis'

PARIS, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Faced with the most serious economic crisis of the post-war era, the industrial democracies are looking to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to help find a way out of it. The challenge they have to meet involves the rising cost of energy, a potential threat of shrinking oil supplies and high inflation combined with low growth and soaring unemployment.

The 24 member countries, representing the world's main three industrial regions — Western Europe, North America as well as Japan, Australia and New Zealand, the most advanced nations of the Far East and the Pacific — have still to find an answer to these problems. But because of the growing interdependence of their economies — which the OECD has helped foster since its creation 20 years ago by promoting free trade and financial flows — they are well aware that no single government can hope to find the solutions on its own.

"We are tied together, whether we like it or not," says Ambassador Herbert Salzman, the U.S. permanent representative to the OECD. "We can't do without the consultative process...if we didn't have the OECD, we would have to invent it."

In the view of his Norwegian colleague, Ambassador Jens Boyesen, the OECD is "more important than ever", and its members should try to "break new ground" to achieve a new basis for growth and "a more global perspective". These views are echoed in most of the 24 delegations which represent national administrations. To insiders one of the striking features about the organization's activities is its capacity to adjust to new situations and problems.

The change in the world economic balance of power reflected in the quadrupling of oil

prices in 1973-74 by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the emergence of the "newly industrialized countries" of Asia and Latin America, plunged the OECD countries into the most difficult period of transition and adjustment so far.

One of their responses was to set up the International Energy Agency (IEA) to analyze the energy challenge and promote policies to meet it. Another was their recognition of the need for "positive adjustment policies" to prevent protectionist reactions that could dampen the expansion of world trade and thereby of economic activity.

Basically, the OECD provides a framework for government-to-government cooperation. Its successes and failures reflect the extent to which members are prepared to adjust their own goals and policies to those of their partners.

The final result of OECD consultations represents "the pooled common wisdom" of 24 delegations from the capitals, Salzman points out, but "the implementation is left in the capitals."

The complexity of the process of exchanging information, harmonizing and coordinating policies, and, if need be, drawing common strategies, is underscored by the delegations. As senior British diplomat Richard Baker puts it, the purpose is to "monitize national policies" not just so that they don't clash with each other, but so that end product is greater than the sum of the policies of the 24 governments.

Representatives of smaller countries are firm that there are no marked distinctions between the big powers and their smaller partners when they meet around the OECD conference table. Besides providing technical services for a multitude of committees, working parties, the secretariat provides research and analytical services, especially in particular by smaller members with limited resources. It also serves as a clearing house for information.

Enormous amounts of statistical data analysed by OECD economists and related to member governments. They serve as a basis for regular term economic forecasts.

BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AP) — Representatives from Arab countries opened a three-day meeting here Sunday to study estimates of their countries' energy needs over the next two decades. The meetings, sponsored by the organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, is also attended by Arab and international oil companies.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — China hopes to save large quantities of fuel oil in steelmaking with a new technique of adding water to the oil. New China News Agency reported Monday. Consumption of fuel is cut 6.5 to nine per cent when seven or eight per cent water is mixed with it, while the quality of the steel produced remains up to standard, the agency said.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — India has agreed to give a loan of 50,000 tons of rice and credits of about \$25 million to Vietnam during the financial year ending March next. Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported Sunday. Quoting official sources here, Vietnam was provided credits of \$50 million by India during 1978-80.

BONN, (R) — West Germans have been urged by their Central Bank chief to export more goods and rely less on oil, to reduce this country's vast balance of payments deficit and restore foreign confidence in the mark. The news magazine *Der Spiegel* said Sunday. Bundesbank President Karl Otto Poehl was quoted in an interview as saying he did not believe the present weakness of the mark, still one of the strongest currencies in the world, would last.

NEW YORK, (R) — The Petroleum Intelligence Weekly reported Sunday that Nigeria is to raise its oil prices and reduce the volume of oil any one company can buy next year.

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Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Bank
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Canadian Dollar	2.78		
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Egyptian Pound	4.40		
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.00		
French Franc (100)	73.00	74.00	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	75.00		
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	9.50		
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.60	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00		
Jordanian Dinar	11.03		
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25		
Lebanese Lira (100)	91.75		
Moroccan Dirham (100)	83.00		
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	—
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	—
Pound Sterling	7.78	7.83	
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.00		
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Medina Education Directorate	Fencing of historic sites	42	500	Jan. 10
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Vikings clinch title

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings and Atlanta Falcons have clinched Division titles, and with a victory Sunday night the Los Angeles Rams can join them — as well as Philadelphia and Dallas — in the National Football League playoffs.

That is in the National Conference, where everything is done in proper, orderly fashion. Even the New Orleans Saints, whose play in losing their first 14 games had prompted some fans at the Louisiana Superdome to wear paper bags over their heads, wiped out their winless embarrassment by edging the New York Jets 21-20 Sunday.



Tommy Kramer

But over in the American Conference, it's an entirely different story. If NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle says he wants parity and down-to-the-wire races he's certainly got it in the AFC.

With one week left to go in the regular season, not a single division championship has been decided. What's more not a single team is even assured of a playoff spot.

Standings

American Conference									
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA		W	L
Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	302	247			
New England	9	6	0	.600	403	298			
Miami	8	7	0	.533	249	281			
Baltimore	7	8	0	.467	327	349			
N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	278	378			
National Conference									
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA		W	L
Cleveland	10	5	0	.668	330	286			
Houston	10	5	0	.667	275	235			
Pittsburgh	9	6	0	.600	335	287			
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	220	285			
AFC									
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA		W	L
Oakland	10	5	0	.667	331	289			
San Diego	10	5	0	.667	392	310			
Denver	7	8	0	.467	285	306			
Kansas City	7	8	0	.467	281	308			
Seattle	4	11	0	.267	270	383			
NFC									
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA		W	L
Philadelphia	12	3	0	.800	357	187			
Y-Dallas	11	3	0	.786	405	246			
St. Louis	5	10	0	.333	292	319			
Washington	5	10	0	.333	230	286			
N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	232	392			
AFC									
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA		W	L
X-Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	301	288			
Denver	8	7	0	.533	310	269			
Chicago	6	9	0	.400	350	251			
Green Bay	5	9	1	.367	258	347			
Tampa Bay	5	9	1	.367	258	347			
NFC									
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA		W	L
X-Atlanta	12	3	0	.800	388	252			
Los Angeles	9	5	0	.643	366	258			
San Francisco	8	6	0	.571	403	307			
New Orleans	1	14	0	.067	264	449			

X-Clinched Division Title
Y-Clinched Playoff Birth

Seven AFC clubs went into the final weekend in contention for the five playoff berths — Buffalo, Cleveland, Houston, Oakland and San Diego, all with 10-5 records, and New England and Pittsburgh, both 9-6.

In the NFC, Minnesota won the Central Division title for the 11th time in the last 13 years and moved into the playoffs by beating the Cleveland Browns 28-23 — but it didn't come easily. The Vikings needed a one-handed grab by Ahmad Rashad from a deflected desperate 46-yard heave by Tommy Kramer after time had expired to overcome the Browns.

Meanwhile, Buffalo and Cleveland missed chances to wrap up AFC division titles by losing Sunday.

The Bills dropped a 24-2 decision to New England. They still lead the Patriots by one game, but must beat San Francisco next week to win the division. If the 49ers win and New England beats New Orleans, the Patriots would win the title because of a better record within the division.

By losing to Minnesota, Cleveland blew a chance to wrap up the AFC Central and dropped into a tie at 10-5 with Houston, which beat Green Bay 22-3. If those teams finish in a tie, Cleveland would be the division winner because of a better conference record.

The defending Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers, meanwhile, kept their slim playoff hopes alive by beating the Kansas City Chiefs 21-16. The Steelers' only hope to make the playoffs is to beat San Diego in their season finale and hope New Orleans upsets New England.

The Detroit Lions also kept their faint playoff hopes from dying by beating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 27-14. It may be only a short reprieve, however, since the Los Angeles Rams can take the final NFC playoff spot by beating the Dallas Cowboys Monday.

In other Sunday games, the Oakland Raiders edged the Denver Broncos 24-21. The Philadelphia Eagles beat the St. Louis Cardinals 17-3, the Cincinnati Bengals trimmed the Chicago Bears 17-14 in overtime and the Miami Dolphins defeated the Baltimore Colts 24-14.

On Saturday, San Diego beat Seattle 21-14 and Washington defeated the New York Giants 16-13.

Malta stadium opens

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec. 15 (R) — A stadium which for the first time includes a grass soccer pitch, opened here Sunday but it may not be available for international matches because of a dispute between the government and Malta's Football Association.

The Association, which is recognized by FIFA and UEFA, has so far refused to join a government-sponsored sport federation.

The stadium, opened by Works and Sports Minister Larry Sant, cost over one million sterling and can hold 35,000. It has a running track and facilities for other sports.



Ahmad Rashad

Jeddah downs Taif in rugby

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — Jeddah RFC. dominated a one sided match against Taif RFC., Friday running out 41-6 winners with five goals, two tries and a penalty to Taif's two penalties.

Taif once again produced an exciting defensive game but Jeddah's almost total control and possession, helped by some opportunistic running from scrum-half, Mark Rodgers, naturally resulted in several tries.

Taif lacked a scrum-half with enough experience to tie down Rodgers, deputizing for the injured Bernie Blomfield, whose play Friday saw a big improvement on his performance against Antipodes a fortnight ago. Rodgers was left free to control play and caused constant problems to the Taif defense with breaks from the scrum situations. He was rewarded with the last 3 tries from the kind of break, the tiring Taif back row failing to cover as Rodgers dummied through the advancing opposition backs.

Taif started the match with the strong wind following them and held Jeddah to 11-6 in the first half.

Jeddah opened the scoring with a try from South African flanker Chris Botha, but Taif responded when Jim Rose converted the first of his two penalties. A Bob Phillips penalty and a try from Bernie Harried took Jeddah to 11-6 at half-time.

Taif's breaks were well cut out by Jeddah's back row. Botha and Phil Warder quickly arriving at every maul and winning constant possessions from the loose play. Jeddah's heavier stronger pack put Taif on the defensive from every set situation. Taif being able

Hochtief wins new soccer tourney

Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 15 — Jeddah saw the first in what could be a new series of 5-a-side football competitions when eight teams met at the Hochtief pitch-Saturday in a one-night tournament.

Hochtief 1st team took the trophy, downing Binladien J&P 5-4 in a final which pro-

Bucks lead East Conference
Lanier helps Milwaukee crush Spurs

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP) — Bob "Man Mountain" Lanier not only scores, but San Antonio Spurs coach Stan Albeck says Lanier also obliterates one fifth of his team when he was on the court.

"Lanier was a definite factor tonight," Albeck said after Milwaukee beat the spurs 117-98. "You can't even see George Johnson when Lanier's in front of him, and George is 6-foot-11. (1.8 meters)."

Lanier scored 25 points, and Quinn Buckner chipped in with 21 for the Bucks, who are leading the National Basketball Association's East Conference Central Division. The bucks held the Spurs' George Gervin

to 18 points, 11 below his average, and zero points in the fourth quarter. Killilea gave much of that credit to Sirdy Moncrief, who was guarding the ice man.

Elsewhere in the NBA Sunday, Philadelphia downed New Jersey 114-107, Portland defeated Phoenix 116-110, Los Angeles beat Golden State 122-113 and San Diego defeated Seattle 91-81.

Julius Erving fired 25 points and hit a crucial bucket with 20 seconds left in the game to raise Philadelphia over New Jersey. The 76ers led by just three, 108-105, with 44 seconds left when the Nets' Edgar Jones lost the ball under the 76ers basket. Philadelphia ran the shot clock down to nothing, and Erving put the sixers up by five with his basket.

Michael Thompson scored 24 points and helped Portland erase a 20-point deficit to post its seventh straight victory. The Trail Blazers fell behind 64-44 at the half, but they

outscored Phoenix 34-13 to begin the third quarter and grab a lead of 78-77.

Los Angeles won its fifth in a row as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 29 points and Jamaal Wilkes added 26. The Lakers led the entire game after taking a 15-2 lead in the opening minutes.

Golden State cut the lead to 50-56 at half-time but the Lakers increased that lead to 15 points early in the third period.

San Diego snapped a three-game losing streak by beating the Sonics 91-81. Williams' 28 points and 20 more from Mill Brooks. Seattle shot just 38.5 per cent from the floor in the first half and trailed 43-32 at the half of the low-scoring contest.

Seattle started to rally in the fourth quarter, pulling to within 83-81 on a pair of free throws by James Bailey with 3:21 left to play but from then on, the Sonics were unable to score a single point.

Chappell continues campaign

PERTH, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Australian cricket captain Greg Chappell will continue with his campaign for improvements to the controversial center wicket at the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The third test between Australia and New Zealand is scheduled to start at the ground on Boxing day.

Chappell said in a statement issued here Sunday he had received a reply from Australian Cricket Board executive director David Richards complaining about the poor standard of the Melbourne wicket.

The statement said the reply acknowledged deficiencies at Melbourne.

It said Chappell had asked players in the current Sheffield Shield game between New

South Wales and Victoria at the ground to report on the up to date conditions.

He said, "We will further consider our attitude after receipt of the report and will continue to press strongly for marked improvements in the interest of the public and players."

Meanwhile former Australian cricket captain Richie Renard has joined the mounting tide of cricketers complaining of the MCG wicket.

He said here Sunday "The Melbourne wicket is a disaster. We must be conscious of getting wickets right so that we can produce good players. It is just impossible to play good cricket on uneven bounce."



(photo by J. Gilmaster)

CATCH: Both sides jump for the ball at a line-out in the Jeddah-Taif match Friday.

to attack only when collecting a dropped ball or a long kick.

After the change, Jeddah quickly put Taif on the defensive again. A break through by Mick Evans allowed Harried to collect the ball and go over near the posts for his second try.

This virtually ended the contest and Jeddah, with the wind behind them, proved far too strong for Taif.

Nick Thomas scored after 20 minutes and Rodgers collected his three tries in the final quarter of the match.

duced an unusual second-half drama over a disputed goal.

Sponsored by British Reinforced Concrete, the tournament produced all the excitement of good, fast five-a-side soccer, and a total of 42 goals from six matches.

Hochtief downed NJIA (2) and BRG on route to the final while J&P put out NJIA (1) and Archirodon.

With the score standing at 4-3 to J&P in the finals, Hochtief scored what appeared to be a goal. The J & P team appealed claiming that the ball had actually passed outside the goal-post. Since their were no nets on the temporary goals, the issue was eventually decided by the referee who awarded a goal to Hochtief. However, it took the somewhat vocal J & P team a good ten minutes to accept the decision.

The Hochtief side went on to "net" the winner and take the trophy.

With the success of this opening tournament, BRC intend to continue sponsorship of 5-a-side events, and hope to expand future tournaments to include all the teams from the league.

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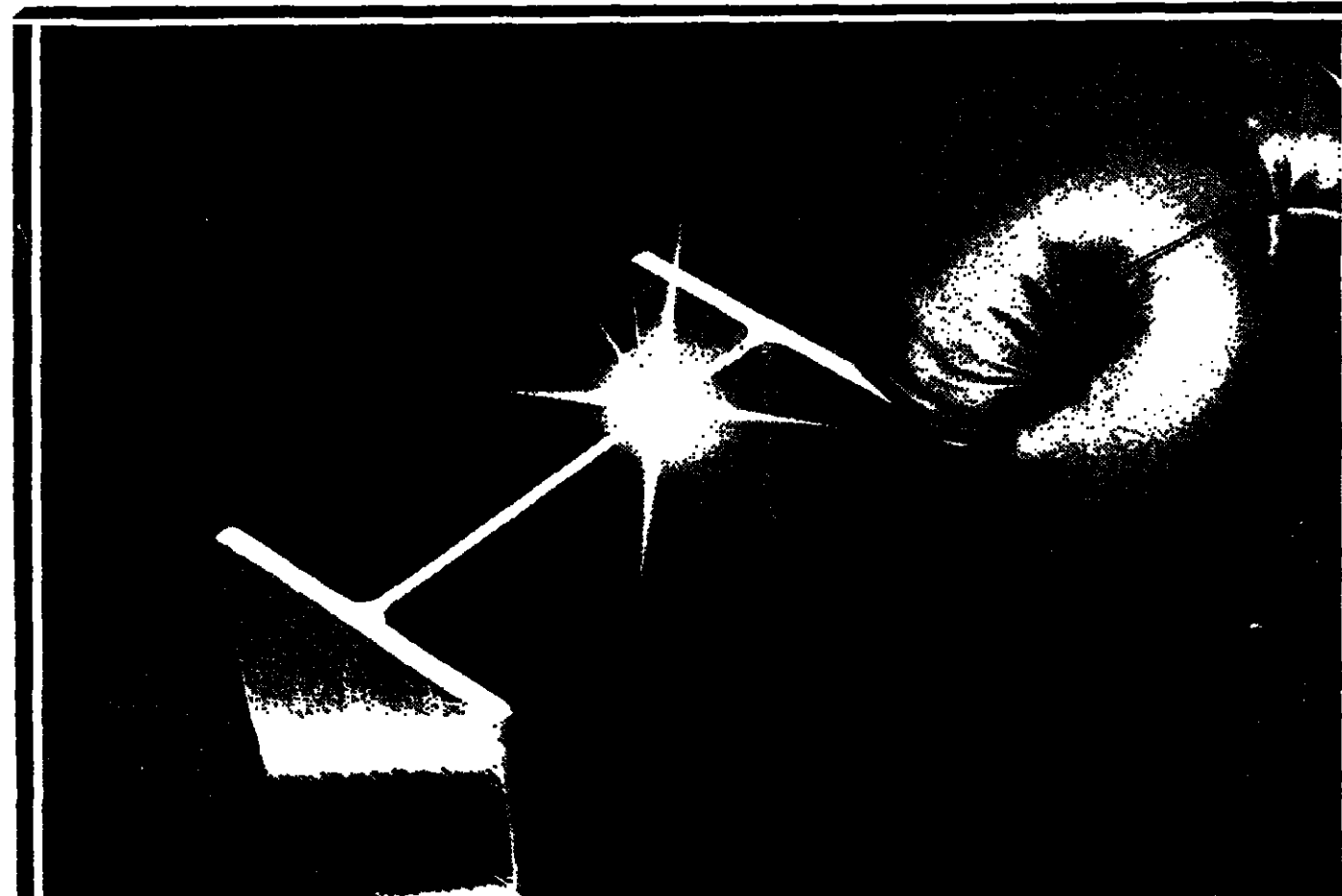
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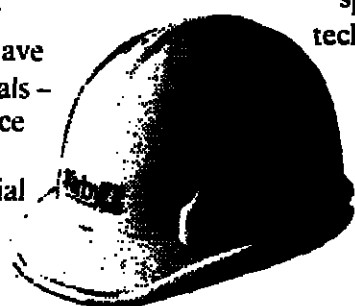
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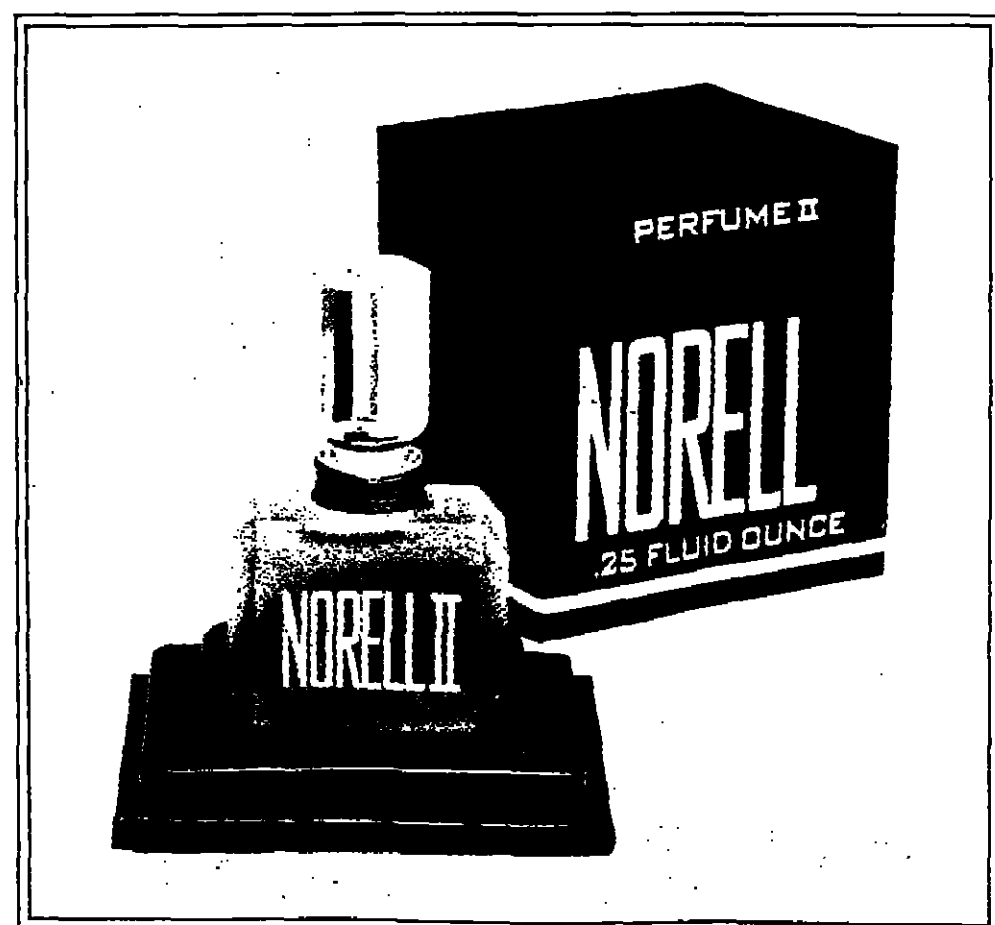
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Scot wins individual title

Canada captures golf victory

BOGOYA, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Canada captured the World Cup Men's International Golf Championship by three strokes as Sandy Lyle of Scotland won the individual title.

The Canadian team of Vancouver's Jim Alford, 25, and Winnipeg's 28-year-old Ian Halliday won their country victory for the second time in the 28-year history of the competition, which used to be called the Canada Cup.

They took a seven-shot lead into the final round and each returned 73 Sunday as their margin dwindled at the finish to three strokes over Scotland. The Canadian total of 572 was 18-under-par for the tough 7,517-yard (873 metres) Rincón de Cajica course.

For Scotland, Lyle had a 70 Sunday to take individual title with 282, one better than Bernhard Langer of West Germany with 285.

Lyle's partner, Steve Martin, had 72 as Scotland totalled 575. Taiwan was third with 578 followed by Colombia, South Africa and

the defending champion United States in sixth place. Canada last won the title in 1968 when their team consisted of George Knudson and Al Balding.

Halliday was making his fourth appearance in the Cup for Canada this year. This was Nelford's second time in world cup competition. Taiwan's Lu Liang-huan and Lu Hsi-chuen finished third with a total of 578, Colombia's Alberto Rivadeneira and Juan Jazon won fourth with 581, and South Africa's Bobby Verney and Tienie Britz finished fifth with 582.

West Germans Bernhard Langer and Jürgen Harder were tied with the United States' Johnny Miller and Mike Reid at 584, 12 strokes off the winning pace, for sixth place. Langer took runner-up honors in individual scoring with 283, just one stroke behind Lyle, he and Halliday tied for third with 285. An Rivadeneira and Reid were next.

Scotland's Sandy Lyle took the individual title and the international trophy with a final

round of 70 for a total of 282, six under par. Bernhard Langer of West Germany finished second with 283 and Halliday was third with 285.

Meanwhile, in Largo, Florida, Curtis Strange and Nancy Lopez-Melton got a 6-under-par 66 Sunday for a two-stroke victory in the \$400,000 Mixed Teams Golf Tournament at the 7,015-yard Bardmoor Country Club course.

The duo, bunched up in fifth place consistently fought their way to the top, coming from two strokes back for six birdies in the fourth and final round of the 72-hole, J.C. Penney event. They put together rounds of 70-65-67-66 for a 20-under-par 268 finish to split a \$72,000 first prize.

Craig Stadler and Lori Garbacz, the hottest-shooting partners in the 48-team field, picked up eight strokes for a final round of 64 and a second place tie with early leaders Gibby Gilbert and Sandra Spuzich. Stadler-Garbacz had 68-71-64 and Gilbert-Spuzich had 66-66-69-60 for an 18-under-par 270. Each of the four players pockets \$17,600.

There was also a two-way tie for third place with the brother and sister team of Marlene and Ray Floyd, and third-round Alice Ritzman and Fuzzy Zoeller. The third place finishers win \$9,325 each.

Putting into the final round Lopez-Melton was nervous over her putting after missing a three-inch attempt on the 18th hole in Saturday's third round for a third-place, 14-under par finish.

"I kept telling myself, 'you can do it,'" she said, beaming after the victory. Strange is the third-place money winner on the PGA tour with \$277,888 this year. Lopez-Melton is fourth on the LPGA with \$207,135.

The teams of Gilbert-Spuzich, who led through the first half of the four-day event, and Zoeller-Ritzman, who grabbed the lead after the third rounds, both fired bogeys in the final round to drop back.

Floyd-Floyd had 66-71-67-67 for 271, and Zoeller-Ritzman had 67-68-65-71 for 271. For Strange-Lopez-Melton it was the first victory. They entered the tournament, now 5 years old, in 1977 and were runners-up that year, then finished fourth and 15th the last two years.

"I felt it was time for us to win," said Lopez-Melton. "My confidence was there. All I had to do was to go out and play." But she admitted there were some skittish moments on the course when she thought back to the third round on Saturday when she just missed that short putt.

"I really thought a lot about that. I was upset. I went back to my room and called Tim (her husband). 'Well, did you see it?' she asked him. He told her, 'you blew it, but I felt sorry for you.'"

American wins skating title

AUCKLAND, Dec. 15 (AFP) — American skater Tom Peterson Sunday won his third title at the World Speed Roller Skating Championship in Masterton, New Zealand.

Peterson crossed the finishing line in the men's 5,000-meter race ahead of his countryman Robb Dunn and Peter Maxwell of New Zealand to add to the two gold medals already won for the 10,000 meter and 20,000 meter events.

The Italians, who have been dominating the world championships so far, won another world title when Laura Perini won the women's 3,000-meter race ahead of Claudia Rodriguez of Argentina and Marlene Glover of New Zealand.

Rodriguez was involved in a tense, violent incident Saturday when police rushed to the skating track to claim her Argentinian teammates, who were abusing the judges for having disqualified them for interfering with New Zealander Karen Yorke during the 70,000-meter race.



IN STYLE: John McEnroe defeat Amritraj for the challenge cup. A powerful style helped him with the victory. Here McEnroe displays his style during the Wimbledon match earlier this year.

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McEnroe beats Amritraj

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (AP) — John McEnroe used his awesome serve and powerful passing shots to defeat Vijay Amritraj 6-1, 6-2, 6-1, Sunday in the final of the \$320,000 World Championship Tennis Challenge Cup at Maurice Richard Arena.

The feisty native of Douglaston, New York, pocketed \$150,000 for the victory, while Amritraj of India collected \$70,000.

Eight players, divided into two groups of four, began the tournament last Tuesday but McEnroe was in a class of his own from the outset. During round-robin play he steamrolled past Wojtek Fibak of Poland, Amritraj and Ilie Nastase of Romania before coming from behind to dispose of Eliot Teltscher of the United States in semifinal play.

Amritraj, hoping to celebrate his 27th birthday with a victory, completed round-robin play with a 2-1 won-lost record. Amritraj was winless in seven previous encounters against McEnroe, and lost 3-6, 2-6 when they met earlier in the tournament.

In the opening set, McEnroe broke his opponent's serve three times and coasted to an easy 6-1 triumph. McEnroe made

good on more than 60 per cent of his first serves and only double faulted twice. In the second set, McEnroe broke Amritraj's serve in the fourth game to take a big lead, but Amritraj broke McEnroe's serve in the next game to stay within striking distance.

McEnroe broke service twice in the final set and blew his fourth ace past the beleaguered Amritraj to capture the match. Asked if the victory was as easy as it appeared, McEnroe replied: "easier than it looked. 'You know, I've played him seven or eight times or whatever now and he hasn't beaten me, so I guess you get confident after a while,'" he said.

McEnroe added that his strategy was to keep Amritraj in the backcourt guessing. "He wasn't sure of himself and that's the way you want your opponent to be," McEnroe said.

Although pleased with his serves, McEnroe said he was most satisfied with the fact he was able to signal his victory and exchange long volleys. Amritraj was disappointed that he had again failed to beat McEnroe, but took solace in the fact that he is beginning to understand why he consistently loses to him.

From Francisco Leon

Nash regains European lightweight title

DUBLIN, Dec. 15 (AFP) — Charlie Nash of northern Ireland showed he had lost none of his confidence following his punishing defeat at the hands of world champion Jim Watt of Scotland to wrest the European Lightweight Boxing Championship from Spain's Francisco Leon over 12 rounds here Sunday night.

Nash had relinquished the title to fight Watt for the World Boxing Council's Championship in March and although the Spaniard, making his first defense since winning the vacant title by stopping Italy's Giancarlo Usai, troubled him in the seventh and 11th

rounds, the Ulsterman finished a comprehensive winner.

The Italian judge scored 117-115 in Nash's favor, the Swiss official had Nash 119-114 in front and the Belgian judge made it 118-115 for Nash. It was his 22nd win out of 26 fights. Leon, previously unbeaten, was fighting outside his country for the first time and the 29-year-old Irishman had too much ring craft in this battle of southpaws. He showed he could take his opponent's heavy punching in his stride and counter quickly and effectively.

It was the first European title fight to be staged in the city since Ray Fenech beat

Billy Kelly in Donnybrook bus garage 25 years ago, and the crowd swarmed onto the ring at final bell.

Nash was lifted shoulder high when the referee raised his hand to signal his victory and he said later he hoped to challenge Hilmer Kenty for the WBA world title.

Meanwhile, Peter Mathebula became the first black South African ever to win a World Boxing title when he beat Kim Tae-shik of South Korea for the flyweight crown in Los Angeles on Saturday night.

Mathebula's victory in the World Boxing Association (WBA) title bout came on a night when two reigning World Boxing Council (WBC) champions kept their titles in other parts of the United States.

Wulfrido Gomez of Puerto Rico knocked out Jose Cervantes of Colombia in the third round of a scheduled 15-round bout to retain his WBC super-bantamweight title in Miami. And in El Paso, Texas, Salvador Sanchez of Mexico held on to his WBC featherweight title with a unanimous points verdict over American challenger Juan Laporte.

Mathebula, 28, won his title with a split points decision which had Kim's camp complaining they had been robbed. The referee and one judge had the South African ahead 145 points to 143 after the 15 rounds, but the other judge had Kim the winner 145-141.

Regidor wins Argentina race

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15 (R) — Argentina's Regidor Sunday won the Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini, South America's most important horse race, taking the \$318,000 first prize, beating Moundrigo, another local horse, by a neck.

Brazil's dark brown, ridden by Antonio Bolino, was third and Argentina's Lucky Way, ridden by Ruben Galloso, was fourth.

Pre-race favorite Telescopio, also of Argentina, finished way behind. European and U.S. were major disappointment. The event had attracted three runners from France — Providential, Soleil Rouge and Perouges — one from West Germany — Polish-bred Paw-

ment — and the ex-French Yvonand, now owned by an American.

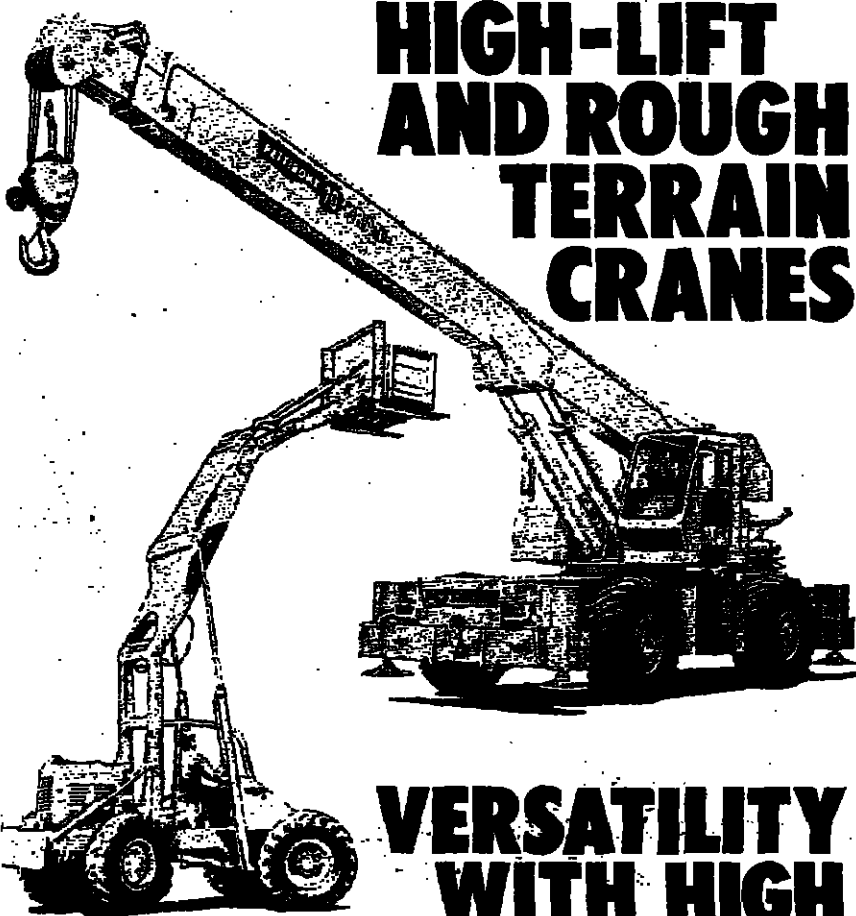
Regidor, ridden by Alberto Pla, beat Moundrigo, ridden by Ruben Laitan, by a neck in a two-horse finish over the 2,400 meters San Isidro course.

Regidor had finished third behind Pretencioso and Moundrigo in the Gran Premio Nacional on November 9.

Sunday, he took the lead at the 1,400 meter post, passing Peru's Golden Form which had a fast start and finished fifth. Then he resisted a late challenge from Moundrigo. The race was watched by 100,000 people on a warm, sunny day.

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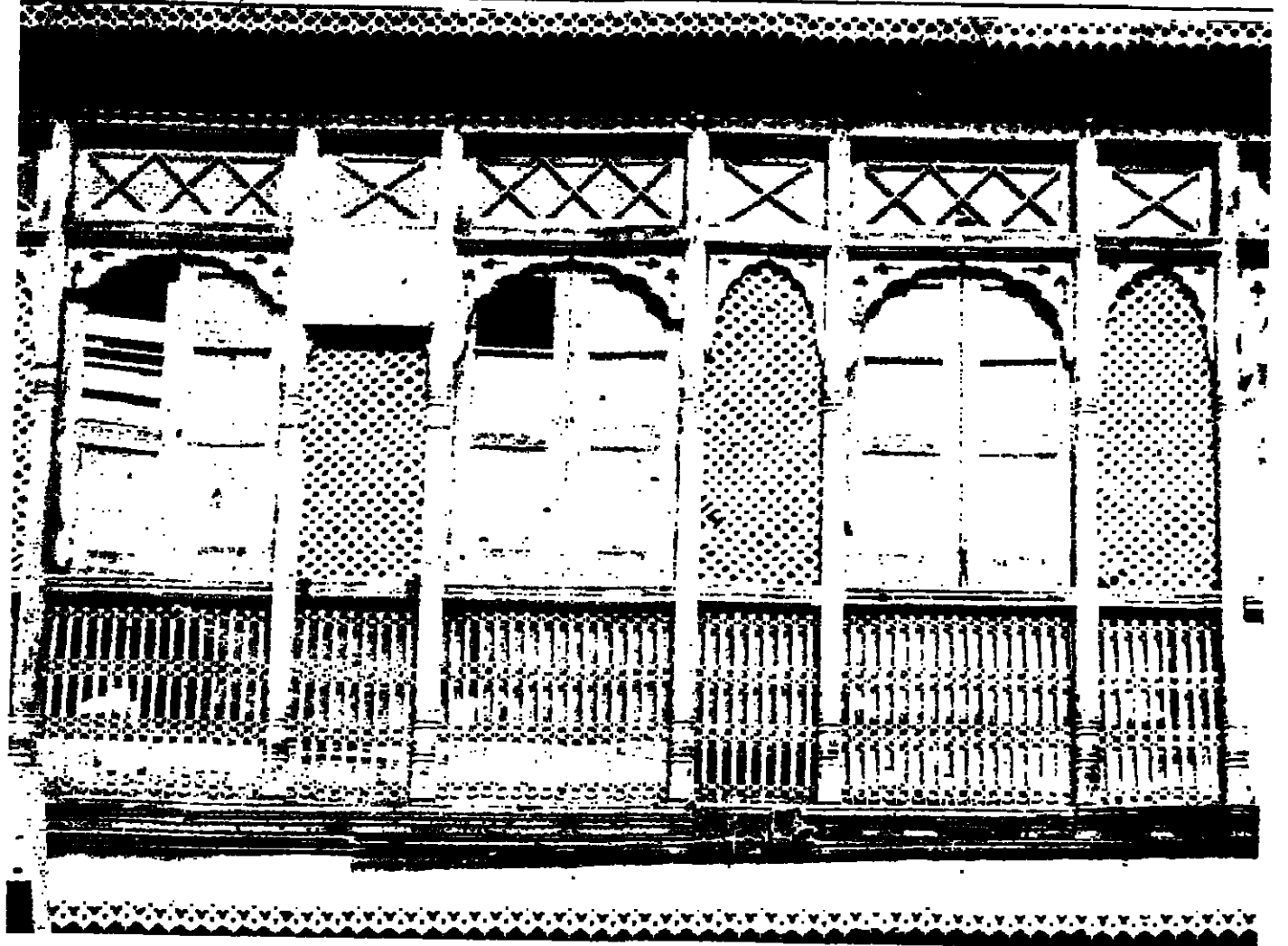
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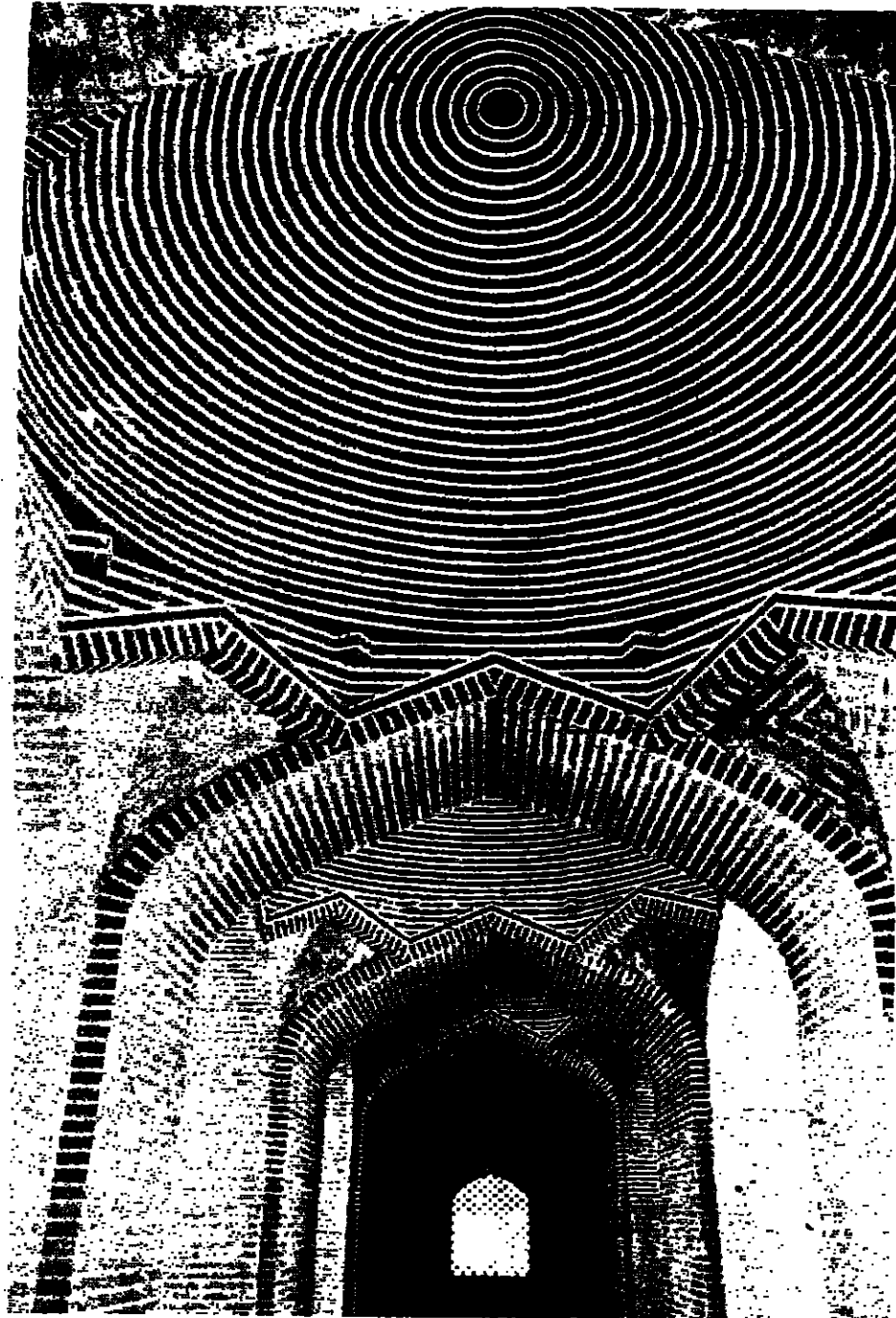
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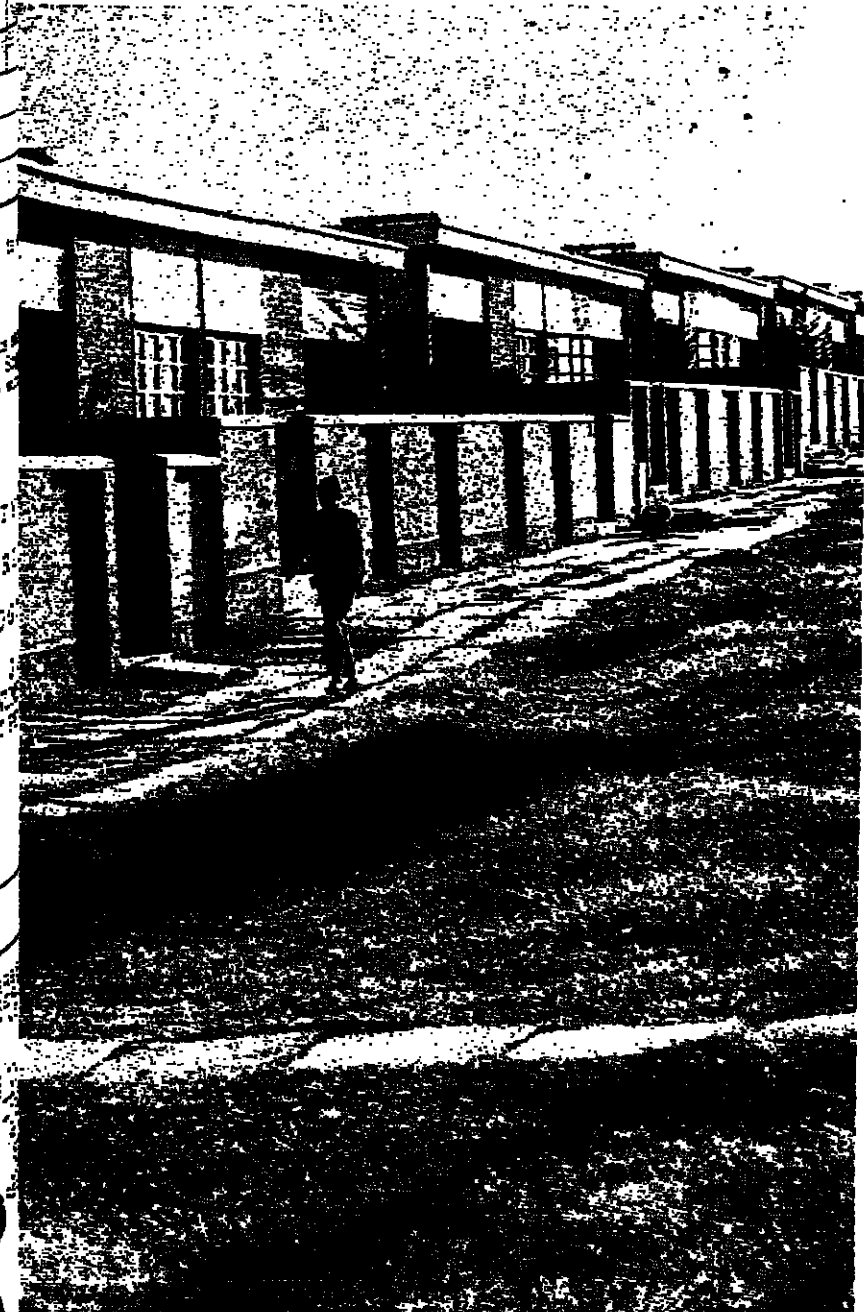
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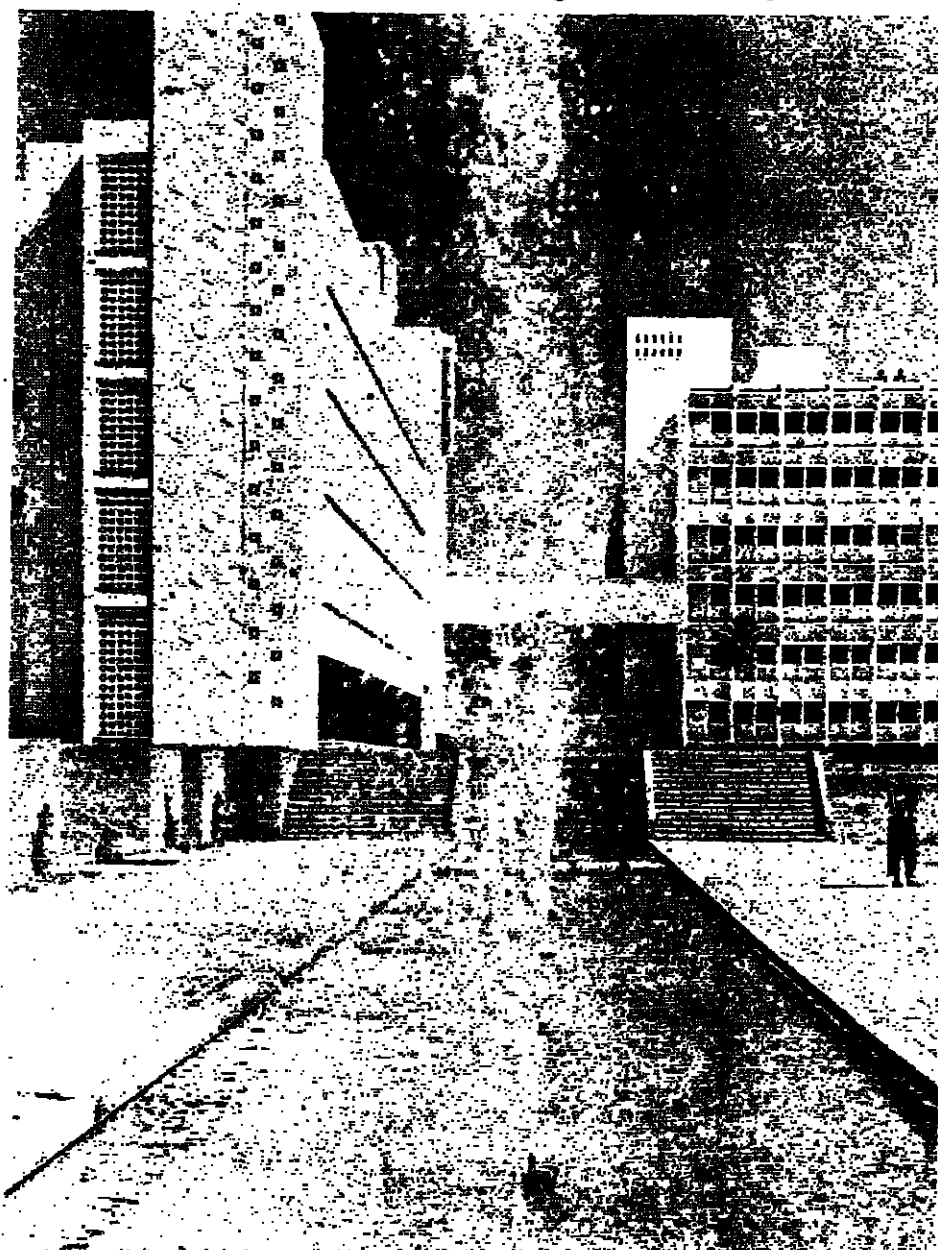
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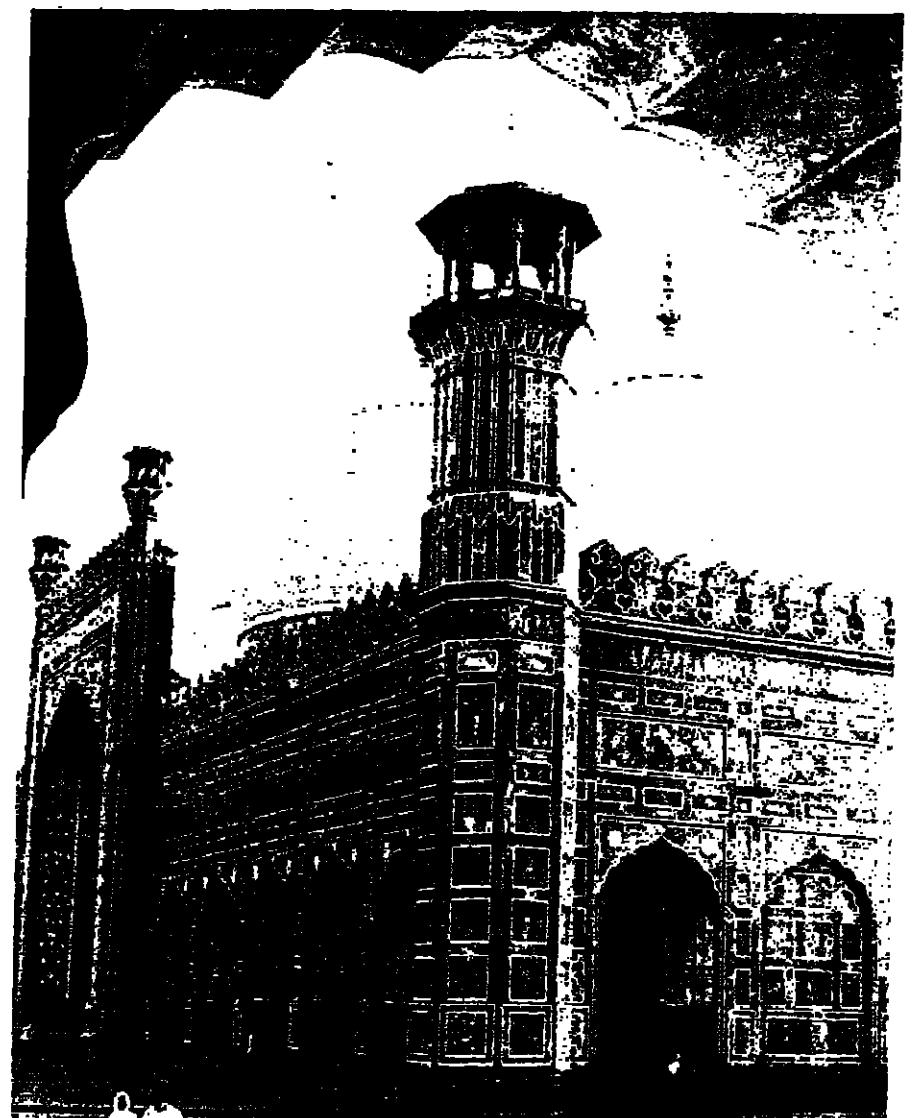
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Uprising marked today

Polish private farmers threaten strike

WARSAW, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — Polish private farmers are threatening to strike at the end of the month if the government refuses to register their independent union. Delegates claiming to represent 600,000 of the nation's 4.5 million private farmers spelled out unanimous demands at a boisterous meeting Sunday that followed weekend appeals for calm and national unity from the Roman Catholic church and Solidarity, the nation's largest independent trade union.

The farmers demanded that the Polish supreme court register their union as a legal organization in a ruling expected Dec. 30. They also demanded that the 1.1 million workers on state and collective farms be allowed to join their union, that the government give equal support to private and state farms and that their right to own property be guaranteed.

Government sources said the supreme court might not be able to approve the registration until a law is enacted declaring farmers to be workers. "I think enough delegates should appear in front of the court...to demonstrate their determination and fight for their right to their own union," one farmer said Sunday.

Agricultural workers make up 35 per cent of the Polish work force, and the private farmers account for three-fourths of the nation's agricultural production. Poland is the only East Bloc nation where most of the farms are in private hands.

Meanwhile, fears increase that old wounds will be reopened Tuesday with the inauguration of a monument to the death of 45 workers ten years ago by troops and police in a strike against government measures.

The monument — three enormous steel

crosses, each supporting an anchor — weighs 134 tons and stands 42 meters high. It is positioned only yards from the number two gate of the Lenin Shipyard, where the first workers were gunned down and where the independent union federation Solidarity was born a few months ago.

Solidarity's leader Lech Walesa has been in the forefront of the move to obtain a memorial to the riots. All mention of them was officially banned until recently.

Soviet sources in Moscow are saying the Soviet Union will blame the United States and its Western allies for interfering if the situation worsens and Moscow feels it has to respond militarily in Poland.

The view is backed by the Soviet press, which is saying Washington wants to drag its allies into what the press called "the uproar about Poland" even, according to the Tass news agency, "those (countries) that have taken reasonable positions on the question."

Since the Kremlin summoned the Warsaw Pact leaders to Moscow publicly to reinforce its confidence in the Polish leadership, the targets have changed.

Apparently the Soviet Union is less concerned by the internal situation in Poland, which, according to the Novosti agency, is now secured by the "shield" of its allies, but by the alleged efforts of the West to destabilize the Warsaw regime.

Last week for the first time a top figure in the Kremlin, Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov, directly accused the West "of prejudicing socialist Poland."

His remarks were echoed by Polish party chief Stanislaw Kania, who attacked "Western political forces who are supporting the enemies of socialism and interfering in Poland's internal affairs."

The Soviet press took up the theme, with the Novosti and Tass news agencies, along with the party paper Pravda, and the army's Red Star launching a barrage against the United States and NATO, talking of "blackmail against socialist countries, meddling in Poland's internal affairs as well as anti-Soviet and anti-socialist hysteria." After last week's NATO ministerial meeting the reports became more precise, in an apparent bid to isolate "the big culprit" — the U.S.

'Gang' trial suspended

PEKING, Dec. 15 (AFP) — The court judging 10 leaders of the Cultural Revolution did not meet Monday, an official spokesman announced. In Hong Kong, the left-wing daily *Ta Kung Pao* reported that the trial had been suspended until Wednesday. The newspaper's correspondent gave no reason for the delay.

The official spokesman in Peking did not specify how long the trial would be postponed, and also offered no explanation for the adjournment. There was no session Sunday.

The questioning of nine of the 10 defendants has ended. Only Jiang Qing, the widow of Mao Tse-tung and the leader of the "Gang of Four," remains to be interrogated. After Jiang is heard, *Ta Kung Pao* reported, the two tribunals — civil and military — hearing evidence will enter into a debate phase.

Jiang was removed from the courtroom Friday when she insulted a witness, the prosecutors and judges. A session appeared originally to have been planned for Monday, according to the television schedule announced Sunday night. The program had mentioned a brief summary of the day's hearing.



JUST LIKE HOME: Nine king penguins strut along a snow-covered path at Munich's Hellabrunn Zoo. Heavy snowflakes and subzero temperatures turned much of West Germany into a carbon copy Antarctic, the penguins' home.

Groups' coffers full

Liberals post gains in wake of U.S. election

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — American Liberal organizations, far from giving in after last month's election debacle, are fighting back, buoyed by dramatic surges in membership and contributions. "We're going on the offensive," says Harry Margolis of the Americans for Democratic Action.

"The anesthesia of the Carter years is over," says consumer advocate Ralph Nader. "People have responded by pulling together," says the president of the National Organization for Women (NOW), Eleanor Smeal.

In organization after organization, Liberal spokesmen say the Conservative victories of the last election have rekindled Liberal passions. By the end of November, NOW reported gaining 12,000 new members, carrying it past 125,000. "The volume is to a point where I hope we don't drop dead from the activity," says Smeal.

At the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, officials say that in the six weeks since the election, more than 17,000 members have been added to the total of 400,000.

Several organizations report that many who had let their memberships slide have been re-enlisting. Money, too, has been flowing in.

The American Civil Liberties Union sent out a special appeal for contributions based

on what it saw as "the enhanced threat to civil rights" posed by the election results. So far, the organization reports receiving 3,000 responses. Although the money hasn't been tallied, with estimates of \$20 to \$25 per envelope, it adds up. NOW estimates that dues and contributions added half a million dollars to its treasury in November.

Part of the ACLU campaign consisted of a full-page ad in the *New York Times* showing a figure representing the right-wing Moral Majority group riding Uncle Sam like a horse. The ad warned that civil liberties were in danger, and urged Americans to unite behind the liberal organization to defend gains made under previous administrations.

It's not just the established groups that are benefiting. This week, incorporation papers are to be filed by Americans for Common

Sense, a new, liberal political action committee founded by Senator George McGovern, to challenge the political action committee of the radical right, McGovern, a South Dakota Democrat, defeated in his re-election says "quite a few thousands of dollars" come in already.

The motivation behind the Liberal resurgence appears to be a fear of what administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan and a Republican Senate might do together.

"The realization that Mr. Reagan and associates will be placing consumers' workers' interests below that of big corporations' demands has galvanized more people and support," says Nader. "The constituencies that support these causes fear that a kind of dark ages coming."

Gold prices up; dollar retreats

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — The dollar retreated sharply on world foreign exchanges Monday, and the gold price rebounded from its slump late last week. Dealers attributed the events to lower Eurodollar interest rates in anticipation of and oil price increase from the Bali conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$581 a troy ounce, up from \$560.50 at the close on Friday. In Zurich, gold traded at a median \$582.50 an ounce, up from \$553.50.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$580.45 up \$5.82. Silver rose sharply. It was quoted in London mid-morning at \$15.90 an ounce, up from \$14.85.

In London, the pound was worth \$2.3345. Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar dropped sharply against the yen to finish at 208 yen from 210.40 on Friday.

Money dealers said Eurodollar interest rates were the major factor influencing the U.S. currency and Monday's were sharply lower. Six-month Eurodollar deposits were being quoted at 18 1/2 per cent from 20 per cent or more late last week.

U.S. banks raised their prime lending rates to a record-equaling 20 per cent last week, causing the dollar to take off on world money markets.

Hits U.S. delay

Bani-Sadr zeroes on assets

TEHRAN, Dec. 15 (Agencies) — President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr blamed the United States Monday for the delay in freeing the 52 American hostages in Iran and singled out the unfreezing of Iranian assets as the most important condition for their release.

"In my view the principle reason for the delay in resolving the hostage issue lies in the hands of those who hold real power in the United States," the president told a press conference. He said that if the United States clearly accepted the four release conditions

set by Iran six weeks ago "then the crisis is resolved."

But Bani-Sadr laid particular emphasis on one of the demands, that the United States release impounded Iranian assets variously estimated at between \$8 billion and \$14 billion. "In short, we must get the money we have in the United States before the crisis can be resolved," said the president, who favored an early release of the hostages.

Bani-Sadr said he was not referring to money deposited in the United States and elsewhere by the late Shah, which Iran also wants back as part of its release terms, suggesting this was less of a problem in the hostage dealings. Tehran has been conducting a dialogue with Washington through Algerian intermediaries since the terms were set by the Majlis on Nov. 2.

Meanwhile, the Carter administration dismissed as "ludicrous" an assertion by Bani-Sadr that Carter may have lost interest after the election in securing the release of the hostages. "It is probably true that Jimmy Carter wanted to solve the Columbia Broadcasting System television network's 60 minutes program."

"But there's a difference between Jimmy Carter before the elections and Jimmy Carter after the elections," he said. "That is, the motivation to bring about the release of the hostages is gone."

Bani-Sadr said he thought Carter "either wants to solve the problem in such a way that criticism against him is minimized, or he will leave the problem for Mr. Reagan," the president-elect.

Asked about the Iranian's charge, a White House spokesman said Sunday night that "we wouldn't want to dignify that with a comment. It's just ludicrous. The record speaks for itself."

Asked if he thought the United States and Iran must become allies to ensure their security, Bani-Sadr replied: "If you mean the power of the United States to be allied with Iran, it is exactly like the unity of the wolf and the sheep... in any kind of alliance with the United States, we will be the sheep."

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